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DELAWARE COLLEGE

Dr. G. S. Counts Made an Address on Arts and Science

COLLEGE EXTENSION WORK

On Saturday, March 24, the Delaware College Mandolin Club will give a concert in the Wilmington New Century Club. The program will include Salute D'Amour, Von Blon; Brahm's Hungarian Dance No. 6; SunnySouth; Lampe; Poor Butterfly, Alcha Ae, Shades of Night, etc., by the club; My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice, from Samson and Delilah; HesettaWaltz, from La Boheme, and several numbers, by Miss Grace S. Saylor, and Carry Me Back to Old Virginny; When You and I Were Young, Maggie; Swanee River with Humoresque as a mandolin obligato; And How's Every Little Thing in Dixie, by the Quartette.

DR. COUNTS ARTS & SCIENCE SPEAKER

The Arts & Science Club of Delaware held its bi-monthly meeting last Monday evening. President I. R. Reynolds presided. Dr. G. S. Counts, the speaker of the evening, took for his subject, "Tests of Intelligence." Dr Counts began his talk by referring to the most primitive methods of making tests, that of magic and fortune telling.

The second stage, that of mediaeval clairvoyance, was based principally on Astrology. If one had the good fortune to have been born during the month of February one would embody nearly all the virtues, and little of value was beyond that person's power.

The last point discussed by Prof. Counts had to do more strictly with guidance and selection by various tests consisting of Phrenology, Physiognomy, and special attention to the mental processes such as self-analysis by others; the school curricum and Phychological tests. The purpose of the latter is to discover aptitudes, determine attainments, and measure general intelligence

TO LECTURE AT WOMEN'S COLLEGE

At seven o'clock on Friday, March 23, the Honorable Chauncey Holcomb will speak before the students of the Women's College in Science Hall His subject will be "China", and his lecture illustrated by many pictures. A cordial invitation is extended to all visitors.

CHAPEL TALKS AT WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Some interesting chapel exercises have been given at the Women's College of Delaware. Tuesday Miss Winslow in order to further the interest in the poor mountain whites of the south which was started by Miss Preston's talk the week before, told about a school that she was interested in in Kentucky. She told about the work done there, and then she read a very interesting letter about the founding of the school. Wednesday Professor McCue of Delaware College spoke on "Peaches". He said that the peach came originally from China, as was shown by very ancient Chinese writings. He told the story of the founding and development of peach raising in Delaware.

MEETING OF Y. W. C. A.

On Friday, March 16, the annual meeting for election of officers was held by the Y. W. C. A. at the Women's College. The following officers were elected: President—Miss Catherine Schunedr, Vice-President—Miss Mary Wright, Secretary—Miss Ruth Messick, Treasurer—Miss Margaret Gray, Chairman Social Service Committee—Miss Mary Jane Mason, Chairman Missionary Committee—Miss Alice L. Roop, Chairman Meetings Committee—Miss Helen Bishop, Chairman Bible Study Committee—Miss Kathryn Jackson.

SATURDAY EVENING AT W. C. D.

On Saturday evening, a St. Patrick's party was given, the hostesses being the members of the Social Committee with Miss Helen Bishop of Doylestown, Pa., as manager. The decorations were the saint's own color green, and many of the girls had some touch of green in their costumes. The Mandolin Club made its debut that evening. The members all wore white dresses with green ribbons and had their mandolins decorated with green. The club played "The Wearing o' the Green" and "Come Back to Erin". Then Miss Paulina Smith gave a series of readings from Irish poetry. Her selections were "The Stolen Child" by W. B. Yeats, "The Little Waves of Briffny" by Eva Gore Booth, "Birds" by Moira O' Neill, "The Birth of Saint Patrick", Samuel Cover. Miss Catherine sang "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms. Miss Mary Wright, dressed as an Irish coleen, danced an Irish lilt. Then a sextette sang "Kitty of Coleraine". The Mandolin Club furnished music while green ice cream was served in cones. The chairs were pushed back and the rest of the evening devoted to jolly old-fashioned games. The evening ended with the singing of "Delaware Will Shine Tonight", and "Good Night, Ladies".

ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT THE W. C. D.

An interesting feature in the Zoology Department this week has been the bursting from the cocoons of many beautiful moths. On Saturday many students watched the Phoyphemus moths emerge, and slowly assume their full growth; which means the shrinking of the great body and the proportionate enlargement of the wonderful wings. After the moths have lived their brief lives Miss Hinds will mount them as specimens for the laboratory.

CENTURY CLUB NOTES

Mrs. Speakman and Mrs. Bancroft, of Wilmington, were welcome guests at the New Century Club on Tuesday afternoon. This is not their first visit here and each time they come they are made more welcome. Mrs. Speakman told of the work done in France during the war, she having been there with her husband, Dr William Speakman.

Mrs. Bancroft spoke of the Red Cross work and urged that a branch be established here under the auspices of the Wilmington Red Cross Society. This branch will probably be formed at the regular meeting of the club on next Tuesday afternoon.

At the conclusion of Mrs Speakman's talk, Miss Bessie Gunkel, of Warwick, sang the national French hymn, "Marseillaise," in honor of Mrs. Speakman, who is a French woman. The audience stood during the singing, Mrs Speakman expressing much pleasure at the courtesy.

Miss Gunkel sang two other solos with Miss Hutchin at the piano.

Some of the delicious cake made by the club women was served with ice cream, ending a very delightful afternoon.

LAND SHOULD BE UTILIZED

Every farmer, trucker and even the town people who has a back lot, should strive to grow every thing in the vegetable line that it is possible to grow. With the present high prices and no relief in sight, it is necessary thar every available foot of land should be put to the best use. The farmers we believe should endeavor to grow potatoes, corn, and the more staple products this year. Melons will probable bring good money, but should the price be low, there is only one of two things to do; either sell at the low price or let them lay in the field. While corn, potatoes, etc., can be stored and kept until market is better.

We believe at this time with the threatening war with Germany, the farmers should put their time and money in a crop that will keep, and later may be used to feed the nation. Cantaloupes may bring good money, but the crop is of short duration and is more of a luxury thar many other crops. And furthermore, if we are short on the main crops, prices will be high, and the result is, the money received from these luxury crops will soon be gone.

To Enlarge the State House

The House bill authorizing the State to buy, and Kent county to sell, the Kent County Building, for an addition to the State House was passed by the House Monday. The amount agreed upon was $25,000 Mr. Jones, who offered the bill, said the State House is overcrowded and an extension is necessary. Messrs. Downward and Burris considered $25,000 too much Mr. Connelly thought the State should not let the opportunity pass. Mr. Jones said the county would be put to a cost of $30,000 or $40,000 in moving to the Court House and putting the latter up. "I shall vote for the bill," Mr. McNabb said. "The State needs the property and that is the best price we can get it for." Mr. Cross wondered whether the cost represented true land values in Dover, the dimensions of the lot being 63½ x 77 45-100 with a substantial brick building thereon. Five republican members voted against the bill. The vote was 27 to 5.

Get your hat at Fogel and Eurstan's and feel sure you are wearing correct style. Our daily New York letter keeps us informed of Fashion's latest wrinkle.

16th Birthday Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ladley gave a delightful surprise for their daughter, Miss Leone, on Saturday evening, in honor of her sixteenth birthday. The affair was an entire surprise to the young lady, but was none the less enjoyed her and her young friends. The guests included Misses Helen Philips, Jean Pierce, Nellie Hamilton, Mary World of Kennett Square, Pa.; Misses Grace Carpenter, Olive Lockwood, Marian Armstrong, Mildred Vaughan, Grace Brady, Margaret Pleasanton, Helen McWhorter, Clara Brady, Margaret Evans, Florence Kohl, Frances Cochran Lydia Redgrave, Hattie Cochran, Letita Pool, Roger Lockwood, William Meyers, Frank McWhorter, Shelley Meyers, Frank Tyson, Frank Pool, Harry Segelken, Gilbert Pleasanton, Allen Johnson, Hugh Browne, Charles Kelly, Edwin McDowell and Jefferson Pool.

Grange Notes

Mr. Fred P. Williams presided at the meeting of Peach Blossom Grange Friday night. Mr. E. H. Shallcross had charge of the Lecture Hour.

The following members read papers—E. H. Shallcross, Tax paying; Jeremiah McDonough, Tuberculosis of Hogs; Fred Williams, Geese; Fred Brady, Proptile production; Mrs. F. S. Kohl, Dogs; George Janvier, Wearing the Green.

The Grange is looking forward with pleasure to the entertaining of the Pomona Grange Meeting, Thursday June 7th.

FRIENDS & VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

THOSE THAT COME AND GO

Miss Esther Williams was in Philadelphia Saturday.

Mr. Orrie Otwell spent Sunday with his parents at Seaford.

Miss Lola Ingram, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mr Frank Tyson, of Newark, spent the week-end at his home here.

Miss Eugenia Beasten spent Sunday with relatives at Hatsboro, Pa.

Miss Ada Scott entertained over Sunday Miss Leliah Perry, of Easton, Md.

Mrs. J. B. Messick and Mrs. Paul B. Messick were in Philadelphia on Monday.

Miss Catherine Touhey was the guest of her mother at Yorklyn over the week-end.

Mr. Harry S. Newman, of Washington, D. C., spent Sunday with his family here.

Dr. Stewart N. Pool of Pittsburg, Pa, visited his Delaware relatives this week.

Mrs. Curtis Millman and two daughters, of Woodside, visited her mother this week.

Mrs. Richard S. Rodney, of New Castle visited her mother Mrs. E C. Green Monday.

Miss Edith Eliason, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her father Mr H. C. Eliason.

Mrs. Francis I Reynolds of Akron, Ohio, has been the guest of relatives and friends here.

Miss Viola Weber spent part of this week with her sister Mrs. Curtis Millman at Woodside.

Miss Orah Spry entertained part of this week Miss Gussie Chatlan, of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Mary Hampton, of Philadelphia, visited her uncle, Garrett Othoson and family over Sunday.

Rev and Mrs. Arters have had visiting them their daughter Mrs. Ringgold, of Chestertown, Md.

Miss Lenora Davis, of Townsend, spent Sunday with her brother Mr. Jay C. Davis and family.

Mrs. E. W. Polk, of Pocomoke City, Md., was entertained on Monday by Mrs. G. W. Naudain.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt N. Willits had for guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Dorris Evans, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. G. B. Pearson was entertained over the week-end by Mrs. Joseph H. Mendinhall in Wilmington.

Mr. Delbert Gallagher, of Pennsgrove, N J., was the guest of his aunt Mrs John E. Ginn, on Sunday.

Miss Mildred Redgrave, of Newark, spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Redgrave.

Mr. Theodore Whitlock, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs Theodore V. Whitlock.

Miss Mollie Wilson has returned from a six weeks' stay with her sister, Mrs. E. D. Hearne, in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Harry Dempsey, of Wilmington, was an over Sunday visitor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Echenhofer.

Dr. Jacob Burstan, of New York City, payed his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Burstan a visit several days this week.

Mrs. Edward Haegele, of Philadelphia, spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Downey.

Miss Laura Willits has just returned from a visit with her brother Mrs. M. N. Willits Jr., and family in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. William Gallagher, of Wilmington, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gallagher over the week-end.

Miss Viola E. Marker, of near Mt. Pleasant, has returned home from a visit with relatives and friends in New Castle and Wilmington.

Messrs. Francis Pinder, Lee and Elmer Vinyard, Archie Manlove and John Blizzard, all of Chester, Pa, were at their homes here over the week-end.

Messrs. J. Ringgold Richards, of Claymont, and Frank M. Richards, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Stevens had for Sunday guests Miss Elinor Cameron, of Philadelphia, and Messrs. John and Stanley Stewart and Moody Stevens, of Chester, Pa.

Mrs. Edward Ladley and daughter, Miss Leone, entertained over Sunday Misses Helen Phillips, Jean Pierce, Nellie Hamilton and Mary World, of Kennett Square, Pa.

Mrs. G. F. Brady and daughters entertained at luncheon on Tuesday, Mrs. William C. Speakman, and Mrs. Joseph Bancroft, of Wilmington, and Mrs. H. A. Pool, of this town.

Returns From Hospital

Mr. J. Wilson Merritt, who has been at the University Hospital, Philadelphia, for the past three weeks has returned home. While away Mr. Merritt was under special treatment, and his numerous friends join the Transcript in wishing him a speedy recovery.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH NOTES

March 25th. The Fifth Sunday in Lent. (Passion Sunday). Also, Feast of the Annunciation.

Services:—10:30 Morning Prayer and Sermon. 11:45 Sunday School session. 7:30 Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Note:—Sunday evening, the Rector will exchange with the Rev. Thomas G. Hill, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, Del.

Wednesday evening, Evening Prayer and Sermon, by the Rev. E. H. J. Andrews, Rector of Christ Church, Milford, Del.

Friday:—Evening Prayer and Address at 3:30. Meetings:—The Ladies' Guild on Thursday at 2 o'clock. The Woman's Auxiliary on Friday at 2:30, The Juniors at 4 o'clock.

THE LAST HALF OF LENT

The remaining portion of the Lenten season will include the solemn days of Holy Week, when the story of the Passion and its incalcuable results in the way of blessing for mankind are kept prominently before the minds of our people.

Its events touch the sympathetic cord in every human heart. The story of Gethsemane and Calvary has caused the most passionate devotion for nearly twenty centuries. It is the theme of universal interest because it tells of the greatest degree in which love can be manifested—"that a man lay down his life for his friends." I hope every one has tried to use this Lent in the Easter.

THE EASTER OFFERING

The Easter Offering will be for the General Fund of the Parish. It is expected that every one will make a special offering on Easter Day.

The early Communion service will be omitted this Sunday.

The Annual Parish meeting for the election of Vestrymen to serve for the ensuing year will be held in the Parish House, on Monday, April 9th, at 3 o'clock

Forget not to "lay by" as God has prospered you, for a generous offering on Easter Day!

CHURCH PENSION FUND

The good news comes from New York that the amount raised for the Church Pension Fund will reach the impressive total of six million and a half dollars. This is certainly a most remarkable accomplishment, and the whole Church is indebted to Bishop Lawrence and his associates for their splendid leadership in the matter.

The total contribution from Delaware will approximate $75,000. Divided by Parishes the result is as follows: St. John's Church, Wilmington, $28,700; Trinity Church, Wilmington, $13,072.12; Christ Church, Greenville, $28,525; Immanuel Church, New Castle, $50; St. Thomas' Church, Newark, $500; St. Anne's Church, Middletown, $223.75. The total amounted to $71,070.87.

This summary is known to be complete only for Trinity Church, and St. Anne's Parish.

Suspected Man Held

Word was received here Tuesday night by Chief of Police Hillyard from the Chester, Pa., chief, of the arrest of Leroy Lewis, by the police of that city. Lewis has been a fugitive from justice from here for several months and the police and detective departments of all the nearby cities had been notified to be on the lookout for him. He is wanted on the charge of stealing eighty chickens from the farm of Frederick P. Williams on the night of November 18. The wagon in which the chickens were taken from the farm was traced to Wilmington and a poultry dealer to whom the chickens were sold, gave a complete description of Lewis, who fled the jurisdiction of the State.

Lewes came in these parts from Maryland early in the spring of 1917 and was not known to work more than one day a week. He would never return to any one farm to do the second day's work. From almost every farm where he worked poultry had been poultry had been stolen.

Loans' Good Showing.

The 44th annual report of the Mutual Building and Loan Assocation has just been issued and shows assets amounting to $123,099.48. During the year the receipts were $53,284.17, including borrowed money amounting to $4,900. The association owns real estate valued at $800, and has unpaid dues, interest and fines outstanding amounting to $759.25. The following officers were re-elected: President, John F. McWhorter, vice-president, Martin B. Burris; treasurer, Edward Ladley; secretary, Daniel W. Stevens; directors, Richard L. Price, Joseph C. Jolls, Enoch G. Allee, Jesse L. Shepherd, Walter S. Letherbury, Thomas S. Fouracre, John C. Green.

Cornerstone of First Dormitory

With simple but impressive ceremonies, and in the presence of the faculty and cadet corps and a large crowd of visitors, the cornestone of the first new Delaware College dormitory was laid by Dean E. Laurence Smith on Monday afternoon, March 19. Dr. W. O. Sypherd, head of the English department, presided, and brief addresses explaining the significance of the building, in the light of the expansion of the new college were made by Ex-President, George A. Harter, President, S. C. Mitchell and L. B. Steele, '17.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Many Condensed News Items of the Past Week

IN THIS AND NEARBY POINTS

Robin redbreast is here.

Red maples are in blossom.

Fishermen are getting busy.

March can smile when it tries.

Furs are going to the moth balls.

Mrs. T. S. Fouracre entertained the U. T. C. Sewing Circle at her home Wednesday evening.

Trappers on the Rawley farm, near Delaware City, have caught nearly 4000 muskrats this season.

T. Coleman duPont has purchased for $20,000 the Marshmount farm of 300 acres, near St. Georges, and will use it for dairy purposes.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office for week ending March 15th, 1917: Mrs. Lara Morris, Mrs. Arthur Hall, Mrs. Mary Wright, Mrs. Bertha Benson, Lias Osten, Louis Lodine, E. L. Price, Mr. Mayo.

George L. Stradley, Jr, of Wilmington, a native Smyrnian, has received the appointment by Governor Townsend to become justice of the peace and notary public in the city of Wilmington, to succeed Theodore W. Francis, who became sheriff of New Castle County the first of the year. Mr. Stradley has entered upon his duties with bright prospects. Mr. Stradley was born in Smyrna in 1848 and married a Smyrna girl, a sister of W. B. Start.

To Retire Gold Coin

As one of the preparedness for war measures, the government shortly will endeavor to retire fron circulation all the gold coins that it possibly can.

If war comes a big reserve supply of gold, in government hands would be a notable asset. with this in view the Federal Reserve Board last week outlined a plan which will soon be put into effect. For a period of 90 days the government will accept gold coins at their face value, regardless of their condition. Heretofore the government has redeemed gold coins only at their net weight, and the holder usually lost a small amount through the coin being worn.

A New Garage

Mr. J. Z. Crossland, Real Estate Agent, has sold the property of Mr. Joseph C. Jolls on East Main Street, and adjoining the Peoples National Bank to Mr. Walter S. Burris, consideration $5,000

Mr. Burris is now making arragements to convert the present building on Main street into a show room and office and will have erected in the rear a large concrete building.

The location of this property will give the new garage an entrance from both Main and Anderson streets and when the structure is completed, it will be one of the largest and most modern in the county.

Tomato Growers Meet

About thirty of the leading tomato growers met, on Saturday, in answer to a call sent out by Peach Blossom Grange to consider the tomato question. Merrit N. Willits was made chairman and Frederick P. Williams' secretary.

A representative of Ritter and Company, who operate a factory at Newark, Del., was present, and renewed his offer made a week ago of 20c a basket. The growers refused to consider this price at all. The same company is paying the farmers about Newark 25 cents a basket and farmers here will not conaider growing them for less.

Palefaces Raised

Keokuk Tribe, No. 3, of Wilmington, visited Appoquinimink Tribe, No 24, of Odessa, Tuesday evening. and raised a class of nine palefaces to warrior's degree.

There were members present from Seneca Tribe No 44, this town, Mohawk Tribe, No. 55, of Townsend, Modac of Hartley, Shawnee No. 27, of Clayton.

The Great Senior Sagamore, Alexander C. Rodgers was present and gave a long talk.

After the meeting there was furnished corn and venison for the visitors.

Bendler—Lester Wedding

Miss Bessie K. Lester, of St. Georges and George L. Bendler, of Mt. Pleasant were married Tuesday night at Madeley M. E. parsonage Wilmington by the Rev. E. H. Collins, pastor. The bride was attended by Miss Hilda Austin of Mt Pleasant, and the best man was Norman Bendler, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Bendler will live at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Wright Improving

Mr. William E. Wright was taken to Dr. Jones' Private Hospital, on Delaware avenue, Wilmington, last Friday evening for an operation. The Transcript is pleased to be able to inform his friends that he is improving, and will be able to return home in a short time.

OBITUARY

ROSE HELEN SHANNON GOFF

After an illness of two weeks Miss Rose Helen Shannon Goff died at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John B. Goff in Philadelphia, Monday morning, aged 16 years. Deceased was stricken with typhoid-pneumonia and was in a critical condition for several days previous to her death.

Miss Goff was a student in one of Philadelphia's high schools and the news of her untimely death was a great shock to her numerous friends in this community, where her parents resided for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Goff have the sympathy of the entire community.

The funeral services were held at her home Thursday morning, and the body was brought to Middletown on the afternoon train and interment was made in St. Francis Xavier cemetery, near Warwick.

WRIGHT S. COPPAGE, JR.

Wright S. Coppage Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wright S. Coppage, died at the home of its parents near Mt. Pleasant, Monday morning, aged only seventeen days. Funeral services were held at its home Wednesday morning, and interment was made in St. Georges cemetery.

Ships Trotters

S. Powell Peacock, who has been wintering a string of trotters and pacers on the Manlove farm, north of here, Tuesday shipped his horses to the Byberry track near Holmesbury, Pa., where they will be trained for the coming races on the half-mile rings of Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey. Several good looking prospects are among the string, the best of which are June Bug, 2.13 1-4 and Dr. R. 2.14 1-4. Both of these pacers met with accidents last season, which laid them up. Both have wintered fine and are jogging sound. Walter B., a four year old gray pacer, by Sir Admiral, by Admiral Dewey, is probably the best young prospect in the stable. He was worked a little last year, and showed speed equal to that of his grandsire. Others in the string include Zomedra 2.29 1-4, by Zombro, Tom Axworthy 2.24 1-4, by Gus Axworthy, Nugget Boy, 2.23 1-4, Red Ashland, 2.11 1-4. Charles L no record, and a green pacing mare that showed a mile last year without any work in 2.17.

Work at Women's College

On Wednesday, March 14, Prof. Rich went to Stanton and assisted in organizing a Community Assocation, the aim of which is the betterment of the schools. On Friday, March 16, Miss Winslow, Instructor in History of Art at the Women's College, gave a lecture on "The Study of Pictures" before the Delaware City Century Club. The Lecture was illustrated by small prints, set of which became the property of each member of the club through the courtesy of the program committee. On Thursday, Prof. Gandell spoke at Hockessin before the Farmer's Institute, of the high cost of living as being partly accounted for by waste.

Fine Country Home Sold

Mr. John Blizzard has sold his handsome country residence, one-half mile east of Middletown, containing forty acres to Mr. Joseph P. Algire, the purchase price being $15,000. This is one of the most desirable country homes in lower New Castle County, its previous owner having remodeled the house and added all modern improvements. We are informed that Mr. Blizzard will remove to Havre de Grace, Md., and Mr. Algire and family will occupy their new home in a short time.

Bethesda Church Notes

Sunday, March 25th, 1917.

9.30 A. M. Brotherhood Devotional meeting. Leader, W. B. Kates.

10.30 A. M. Preaching by the Pastor.

2 P. M. Sunday School session.

7.30 P. M. Preaching by the Pastor.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Class meeting every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Jr. League every Wednesday afternoon at 4.10 o'clock.

In Memory

HARRY VOSHELL, JR.

O! Bring back to us our darling
Asleep in death embrace,
For never can another fill up his vacant place,
O! Silent grave to thee we trust
This precious part of worldly dust,
Guarded safe, O! Sacred tomb till we his loved ones ask for room.

MOTHER, FATHER, SISTERS AND BROTHERS.

Parent—Teacher Meeting

The regular meeting of the Middletown Parent-Teacher Association, will be held in the Assembly room, of the school, Friday afternoon, March 30th, at three o'clock.

Card Of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all friends and neighbors, who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved son, Harry.

Mr. and Mrs Harry Voshel & family.

THE HONOR ROLL

Those Who Were Studious for the Past School Month

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

The following pupils are on the roll of honor for the past month.

HIGH SCHOOL

11th grade—Allen Johnson, Shelly Meyers, Naomi Morgan, Samuel Berkman, Jefferson Pool.

10th grade—Millie Rosenberg, Leone Ladley, Marian Pinder, Frances Cochran, Alma Whitlock, Grace Brady, Letitia Pool, William Meyers.

9th grade—Edna Hufnal, Elva Freeman, Claude Fouracre, June McWhorter, Mildred Hall.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

8th grade—Ramona Newman, Clara Brady, Fannie Rosenberg, Laura Fogel, June Johnson, Hattie Cochran, Josephine Kohl, Hilda Money, Edward Atwell, Camelia Ginn.

7th grade—Frances Armstrong, Marshall Whitlock, Virginia Pearce, Anna Bingnear, Clayton Draper.

6th grade—Harriet Black, Grace Rosenberg, Mary Atwell, Caroline Fouracre, Percy Donaghay, Burton Pearson, Anna English, Burton Williams.

5th grade—Preston Whitlock, Edwin Donaghay, Jereline McDonagh, Stacey Jones, Norma Pyle, John Spicer, Wallace Hufnal, Harris McDowell, Elizabeth Brady, Dorothy Caulk.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

4th grade—Virginia Johnson, Lucile Newman, Mary Steele, Harry Pearce, Linden Stafford, William Pennewill, Helen Crouch, Katherine Conley, Ida Dugan, Virginia Hopkins, Leland Sinex, William Cannon, Anna Alfree, Effie Bouchelle.

3rd grade—Bertha Chance, Helen Fouracre, Henry Howell, Catherine Armstrong, Julian King, Julia Atwell, Sophia Vlahos, Lewis Stewart.

1st grade—A Division—Gertrude Bouchelle. B Division—Helen Bryan, Emma Beale, Cassie Denny, Dorothy Steele, Paul Crouch, William Hamburg, Kenneth Pennewill, Jerofrey Newsome.

Rare Surgery Cures Man

Robert Baldwin, aged 21 years, of Bellevue, whose back was broken on Febuary 2, when an automobile he was driving turned over on him, has been released from the Delaware Hospital as cured, after one of the most delicate and remarkable operations ever performed at that institution. As soon as he had been admitted to the hospital he was placed on the operating table and the tenth vertebrae removed from his spine. This bone was broken and in addition three other vertebrae were dislocated.

Dr. Harold Springer, of Wilmington, performed the operation, which is claimed to be one of the most difficult and rarely successful. Tuesday morning Baldwin walked a distance of a city block with the aid of crutches. His legs were weak, but he found no trouble in getting around with the crutches. He is arranging to be exhibited before surgical clinics in several cities.

Entertained Little Folks

Mrs. Elias M. Shallcross entertained a number of children last Saturday afternoon in honor of her small sons, Billy and Freddie Shallcross. The little guests were: Catherine and Joseph Beasten, Virginia and Henry Brady, Warren and Reed Combs, Adelaide and Jack Green, Virginia and Ernest Truitt, Charlotte Donaghay, Emma Beale, Henry Vaughan, Helen Beck, Francis Moore and Malcolm Cochran.

Corn At $14 Per Ton

Strasbaugh & Co. of Mt. Pleasant met the farmers of that section, Monday, at their corn cannery, and after some discussion, the farmers agreed to plant corn for $14 per ton. About 300 acres were contracted for at the price.

The farmers of the Odessa section agreed last week to plant sugar corn for $12 per ton, but it is thought other canners will meet the price fixed on by the Mt. Pleasant concern.

County Balances

County Treasurer, Charles H. Lippincott made the following report on county finances to the Levy Court on Tuesday: Credit Levy Court, $73,159.54; Christiana hundred, $6,699 03; Mill Creek hundred, $923.60; White Clay Creek hundred, $555, 69; Pencader hundred, $1,111.20; New Castle hundred, $4,987,37; St. Georges hundred, $4,642.36; Appoquinimink hundred, $134.59; Blackbird hundred, $2,513. 08; Brandywine hundred, $82,079.68.

Organize Branch of Red Cross

There will be a meeting on next Tuesday afternoon, at four o'clock, in the New Century Club House, for the purpose of organizing a Middletown Branch of the Red Cross Society. All those interested in the work—in fact all professors of patriotism are not only invited but expected to be present. Does this mean you?

Grand Army Vets To Meet

S. Sherwood Johnson, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Delaware, has issued a general order calling for a meet of the veteran soldiers at their State Encampment, in Wilmington on May 3.

ALLIES PRESS ON GERMANS RETIRE

Advance in Northern France Kept Up.

FIFTY GIRLS CARRIED OFF

British Occupy 14 More Villages French Cavalry Cross St. Quentin Canal To Within 4½ Miles Of City.

London. — Although hampered by unfavorable weather, the Allies keep up their energetic pursuit of the Germans, who continue to fall back along the whole Northern front in France.

The British have passed the general line of Camzy, Estree en Chaussee, Nurlu, Velu and St. Leger, clearing 14 additional villages of the enemy. The French are within 4½ miles of St. Quentin.

14 Villages To British.

"Despite the less favorable weather conditions," says the official report from British headquarters in France, "we made considerable progress again along the greater part of the front in our advance south of Arras and 14 villages have been cleared of the enemy.

"Our troops now have passed the general line of Canizy, Estree en Chaussee, Nurlu, Velu and St. Leger.

"Our machine gun fire drove off an enemy attempt to counter attack south of Arras. We successfully raided last night northeast of Neuville-St. Vaast and brought back a few prisoners.

"Bombs were dropped by our airplanes with good results on an important enemy ammunition depot. In the air fighting one German machine was brought down in flames; two others were driven down completely out of control. Three of our airplanes are missing."

Cavalry Near St. Quentin.

The official statement from the Paris War Office says: French cavalry has advanced to within about four and a half miles of St. Quentin, one of the largest towns believed to be strongly defended by the Germans. Considerable territory has been re-occupied between the Somme and the Aisne.

The French have occupied Tergnier, an important railroad junction on the line between Amiens and Rheims, and have crossed the St. Quentin Canal.

French aviators report the destruction by the Germans of the historic ruins of Coucy-le-Chateau, one of the most striking monuments of the feudal ages in Europe, built early in the Thirteenth Century.

The French War Office officially announces that in evacuating Noyen the Germans carried away by force 50 girls ranging in age from 15 to 25 years.

CUBA THANKS UNITED STATES.

Expresses Gratitude For Attitude In Island Uprising.

Washington. — Pablo Desvernine, Cuba's Secretary of State, called on Secretary Lansing, at the State Department, and is understood to have expressed the thanks of the island republic for the attitude of the United States during the Cuban revolutionary uprising. Afterward Dr. Desvernine issued a statement saying this Government, by discouraging the rebel movement, had won Cuba's enduring gratitude.

ENLISTED MEN GET CHANCE.

Sixty From Each Regiment In South Can Get Commissions.

San Antonio, Texas.—Sixty enlisted men from each regiment of the Regular Army on duty in the Southern Department, who are best fitted to be commissioned as lieutenants and captains in a volunteer army, have been selected in pursuance of War Department instructions designed to provide a junior commissioned personnel for an army of 500,000 men. The list has been forwarded to Washington.

RHODE ISLAND WILL PREPARE.

Enrollment Of Organizations and Constabulary Authorized.

Providence, R. I.—Under suspension of the rules both the Senate and House passed an emergency measure authorizing Governor Beckman to call into service for public safety all military or civic organizations and to enroll a volunteer constabulary. The bill carried an appropriation of $150,000 to be used at the Governor's discretion for home protection or to assist national Government.

ARMED MEN HOLD UP TRAIN.

Crew Covered With Revolvers and Several Cars Broken Open.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Armed men attacked a westbound freight train on the New York Central Railroad near Athol Springs. The train was stopped by a block signal and the armed men suddenly appeared. Members of the train crew were covered with revolvers by two of the thieves, while the others broke open several cars.

German Gunboat Blown Up.

London.—A German gunboat in the harbor of Tsing-Tau, China, has been blown up and sunk, says a Reuter dispatch from Hongkong.

Italy Will Save Daylight.

Rome.—A decree has been promulgated directing all Italian clocks to be advanced one hour from April 1 to September 30.

More than 70 per cent. of the exports of Jamaica come to the United States

CONTRACTS FOR U-BOAT CHASERS

Daniels Orders New York Navy Yard to Begin at Once.

2,000 IN FOUR MONTHS

Aggressive Action To Meet German Submarine Menace Under Way—60 Chasers Ordered.

Washington.—Preparations for aggressive action by the navy against the German submarine menace began Monday at the direction of President Wilson.

The President authorized the expenditure of the $115,000,000 emergency fund provided by Congress to speed up naval construction and pay for special additional war craft, and the suspension of the eight-hour labor law in plants engaged on navy work.

Immediately afterward Secretary of the Navy Daniels ordered the New York Navy Yard to begin building 60 submarine chasers of the 110-foot type, to be completed in from 60 to 80 days.

While the energies of the navy will be concentrated for the present on efforts to get into commission craft designed particularly to destroy submarines and guard the coast, warship building generally will be speeded up under the recent agreement with private builders and with the funds now made available.

The announcement from the department followed an hour's conference between Secretary Daniels and the President, who walked over from the White House to the State, War and Navy Building for the purpose.

Navy officials estimate that within four months a fleet of 2,000 patrols and chasers will be ready for action. It is planned to assemble the volunteers within a few days to begin actual operations as a matter of training, pending orders from the President for complete mobilization of the navy.

In this connection, officials say, it is planned to establish a submarine proof patrol off the American coast, insuring safe passage to and from American ports for all ships. Since the visit of the German submarine U-53 to Newport last summer made it clear that the underwater craft could operate across the Atlantic, it is believed necessary to provide for protection of American harbors in the event of war.

WOULD HUSBAND PULP WOOD.

Secretary-Houston Warns Of Danger Of Paper Famine.

Washington.—Secretary Houston appealed to the country to conserve its pulp wood resources as a means of insuring a future supply of news print paper.

In a statement on the subject he pointed out the present close balance between production and demand in the news print industry and to wasteful forestry methods, and urged state forest departments to support reforestration plans.

Secretary Houston suggested Government co-operation in supplying mills with pulp wood from national forests and said new mills might be erected under agreements with the Government for a long-term supply of wood.

MERGENTHALER LOSES.

Supreme Court Finds No Infringement of Lintoype Patents.

Washington. — Dismissal by New York federal courts of linotype patent infringement suits brought by the Mergenthaler Company against the Intertype Corporation and International Typesetting Machine Company, of New York, was in effect upheld by the Supreme Court. That the linotype multiple magazine slug and mold patents of the Intertype and International Typesetting Companies do not infringe Merganthaler patents was held by the lower courts, which decision now becomes effective.

GERMAN LOSSES 4,148,163.

60,471 Added In February, According To London Lists.

London.—According to official lists kept here, the total casualties of the Germans reported for the month of February in killed, dead due to wounds or sickness, men made prisoners and missing amount to 60,471, making the total German casualties since the beginning of the war, exclusive of those in the navy or the colonies, 4,148,163. The February losses are given as follows: Killed or died from wounds or sickness, 13,826; prisoners, 1,396; missing, 7,279; seriously wounded, 12,451; slightly wounded, 25,519. Total, 60,471.

1,285 BRITISH OFFICERS LOST.

February Total Brings Aggregate During War To 56,365.

London.—Casualty lists published by the War Office show that during February the British Army lost 417 officers killed, 831 wounded and 37 missing, a total of 1,285. This brings aggregate losses in officers since the commencement of the war to 56,365, of whom 16,789 have been killed or died of wounds, 36,021 were wounded and 3,465 are missing.

Governors For Defense.

Philadelphia. — The Governors of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware met at the Union League and devised a plan for immediate preparation of the fighting forces of these five commonwealths in order to be ready for war.

German Ship In China Ruined.

Amoy, China.—The Chinese officials who took possession of a German steamer interned here found her completely ruined.

OUR SPRING DRIVE HALTED

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WON FIGHT BY THREAT TO STRIKE

Bitter Railroad Controversy Passes Into History.

LONG TIME PEACE ASSURED

Hush Comes Over Conference Room When New Day Breaks Just As Last Signature Is Placed To the Agreement.

New York.—With the nation-wide railroad strike averted and the Adamson act declared constitutional, the controversy that has raged between the railroads and their employes for nearly a year over the question of hours and wages passed into history.

Appealed to by the President's mediators to yield on the grounds of patriotism to the demands of the employes, the railroads consented to an agreement whereby the employes receive the eight-hour basis work day and pro rata pay for overtime, the same as that provided by the Adamson law.

All that remains is to decide how much back pay the employes are entitled to, inasmuch as the agreement signed by both sides and the Adamson law provide that the operation of the new wage and hour schedule shall be retroactive beginning January 1. It is estimated the employes have between $12,000,000 and $13,000,000 coming to them.

Peace For Long Time Sure.

The brotherhood chiefs were in a happy mood as they dispatched their code telegrams calling off the strike. They had not won all they had asked from the railroads when they first presented their demands on March 30, 1916, having lost the time and a half for overtime feature, but they had secured what they agreed to take last August, when they accepted the Adamson law's provisions and which the railroads fought in the courts.

W. G. Lee, spokesman for the brotherhoods, made it plain that he looked for peace in the railroad world for a long time. Asked whether there was any intention to bring up the question of punitive overtime, Mr. Lee said:

"That will not be brought up now. We believe that overtime can largely be done away with by speeding up the schedules."

Mr. Lane, in a statement expressing the satisfaction of his committee over the outcome, praised the railroad managers "for their high sense of obligation and their unwillingness to permit any embarrassment to the country at this time of extreme strain."

TO RUSH SUBMARINES.

Daniels May Equip Two Navy Yards For Purpose.

Washington.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has under serious consideration the immediate equipping of the Puget Sound and Portsmouth (N. H.) Navy Yards in order to start work at once on at least a part of the 38 new submarines without waiting for bids from private shipyards.

BIG YACHTS FOR DEFENSE.

Wealthy Owners Offer Them For Coast Patrol.

New York.—Some of the finest American yachts have been offered to the Government for auxiliaries to aid in the defense of the coast in the naval district extending from New London, Conn., to Barnegat, N. J.

RUSH DEFENSE MEASURE.

Massachusetts Appropriates $1,000,000 to Protect State.

Boston.—An emergency appropriation of one million dollars for the defenses of the commonwealth in the event of war was passed by the legislature. With one and a half hours from the time Governor McCall had sent a special message urging the appropriation, the bill was passed under a suspension of the rules, sent to him and signed.

Vigilancia Not Insured.

Washington.—The American steamer Illinois, sunk by a German submarine, was insured by the government's War Risk Bureau for $250,000. The government had issued no insurance on the City of Memphis or the Vigilancia.

Coin Embargo In Japan.

Washington.—Japan has prohibited the importation of coins of all kinds in the regular mails or by parcel post. No reasons for the action are given.

TO PUT LIMIT ON ARMED SHIP NEWS

Government to Grant Request for Rules to Guide Press.

TO AVOID HELPING ENEMY

If Armed Merchantmen Are Sunk No Effort Will Be Made To Keep Tidings From Public.

Washington.—After a conference between Secretary Daniels and representatives of the leading American press associations the Government began preparation of definite regulations to guide the press in voluntary suppression of information which might be of value to an enemy.

The question of armed American merchant craft was discussed particularly, but the regulations will be broad enough to cover any naval or military movements the Government deems it advisable to keep secret.

Associations Give Pledge.

The press associations have assured Secretary Daniels of their desire to cooperate and, in the absence of authority for imposing a legal censorship, will be bound by the Government's requests. Before the regulations are approved they will be submitted both to the associations and to managing editors of newspapers for discussion and suggestion.

Mr. Daniels took occasion to inform the press generally that his recent request that movements of American merchant ships be withheld from publication did not mean that arrivals of such ships in American or European ports should not be reported.

"Such arrivals," the Secretary said could not easily afford any information that might jeopardize life, and such news would be of deepest interest to the public and should be published."

To Report Disaster.

Mr. Daniels also gave assurances that no effort would be made to suppress the news if American ships should be sunk.

"f there should be any disaster, of course," he said, "the information would be furnished, and it would be expected that the papers would print the facts.

TO BE INTERNED IN CAMPS.

German Sailors To Be Moved From Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Washington.—The 700 interned German sailors at the Philadelphia Navy Yard will be moved to Forts McPherson and Oglethorpe, Ga. The Seventeenth Infantry was ordered from the border to those forts to act as guard. The prisoners and troops will be evenly divided between the two posts.

Recently the mayor of Philadelphia called upon Secretary Daniels and requested that the men be taken to some other point, as it was believed their presence was a menace to the city.

INTERNED RAIDERS MOVED.

Crews Line Rails and Silently Watch Procedure.

Philadelphia.—The interned German commerce raiders Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich were moved to a new position in the Philadelphia Navy Yard. The moving was without incident. The crews of the ships lined the rails and silently watched three tugs tow the cruisers to their new berths.

A PACIFIST CONVERTED.

At 82 He Offers His Services To the Army.

Washington.—Representative Sherwood, of Ohio, one of the most openly expressed pacifists in the House, declared in a public statement that the latest sinking of American ships by German submarines had converted him in favor of an immediate declaration of war. At the same time he offered his services to the army at the age of 82.

All Quiet In Santiago.

Washington.—Comander Belknap, in charge of American naval forces at Santiago, Cuba, reported the arrival of Cuban Government forces and preparatory steps for the withdrawal of American sailors. The city was reported quiet.

Handed Their Passports.

Peking.—The German Minister to China and his staff and also all the German Consuls in the country were handed their passports.

ADAMSON ACT IS HELD VALID

Congress Has Powerto Regulate Hours of Labor and Wages.

NO RIGHT TO TIE UP ROADS

Engaged In Public Business, Tribunal Says, and Compulsory Arbitration Can Be Invoked.

Washington.—In an epochal decision holding Congress to be clothed with any and all power necessary to keep open the channels of interstate commerce, the Supreme Court, dividing five to four, sustained the Adamson law as constitutional and enforceable in every feature.

The immediate effect of the decision will be to fix a permanent eight-hour basic day in computing wage scales on interstate railroads, for which a nation-wide strike twice has been threatened, and to give, effective from January 1 this year, increases in wages to trainmen of about 25 per cent., at a cost to the railroads estimated at from $40,000,000 to $50,000,000 a year.

The Court, through Chief Justice White, declared both carriers and their employes engaged in a business charged with a public interest subject to the right of Congress to compulsorily arbitrate a dispute affecting the operating of that business.

Right To Tie Up Traffic Denied.

"Whatever would be the right of an employe engaged in private business to demand such wages as he desires, to leave the employment if he does not get them and by concert of action to agree with others to leave on the same conditions," said the opinion "such rights are necessarily subject to limitation when employment is accepted in a business charged with a public interest and as to which the power to regulate commerce by Congress applied and the resulting right to fix in case of disagreement and dispute a standard of wages as we have seen necessarily obtained."

In delivering the opinion, the Chief Justice departed at this point from his written text to emphasize the position of men operating trains in a time of national emergency by comparing them to soldiers facing an enemy.

Coming on the heels of the concession of the eight-hour basic day by the railroads at New York, to avert the threatened strike, Monday's decision is regarded as largely supplanting that agreement and also removing for all time, through the broadest interpretation of Congressional authority outlined by the court, the probability of future transportation paralysis.

Four Justices Dissented.

Joining with the Chief Justice in sustaining the law were Justices McKenna and Holmes, his immediate seniors in point of service, and Justices Brandeis and Clarke, junior members. Dissenting for various reasons were Justices Day, Van Devanter, Pitney and McReynolds.

The majority upheld the public right to have interstate commerce uninterrupted as a basic principle paramount to interests of the railroads or their operatives, both declared to be in public service and subject to the supreme unrestricted power of Congress to take any action necessary to maintain freedom and uninterruption of interstate commerce. Either as a law fixing wages or hours of labor, the court decided, Congress had authority to enact the Adamson statute.

"The public interest begets a public right of regulation to the full extent necessary to secure and protect it," said the opinion, adding that in the emergency of threatened destructive suspension of national transportation, Congress acted within its power in providing a wage standard and other means necessary to protect the public interests.

"NO TIME FOR TIN SOLDIERS."

West Virginia Governor Will Dispense With Personal Staff.

Charleston, W. Va.—Saying that "this is no time for tin soldiers," Gov. John J. Cornwell, of West Virginia, has announced that he will have no personal staff. Should an occasion arise demanding the presence of a military escort, the Governor will call on the State Military Department to furnish such officers as are necessary.

Jap Cruiser To Bring Body.

Washington.—Japan has assigned the armored cruiser Azuma to bring home the body of Ambassador Guthrie. Mrs. Guthrie will return on the same ship.

Submarines Hit Trade.

Washington. — American foreign trade decreased approximately $190,000,000 during February, the first month of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare.

Diplomat May Die.

Washington.—Dr. Albert Membreno, former president of Honduras and now Minister here, was taken to a hospital gravely ill with mastoditis. It is feared he may die.

Chinese Take German Land.

Peking.—Chinese troops have occupied without opposition the German concessions at Tien Tsin and Hankow. The Dutch have taken over the German consulates.

Food To Come First.

London.—The British Government regards the production of food of greater importance at the present time than the sending of additional men into the army.

MARYLAND NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State.

LIVE NOTES AND COMMENTS

A heavy snowstorm, driven by a 50-mile-an-hour north wind, swept over Washington county. During the storm, which lasted less than half an hour, over two inches of snow fell.

In one of the most hotly contested municipal elections ever held in Smithsburg, John W. Ferguson, known as the Boy Mayor of Maryland, was re-elected mayor for the tenth consecutive term by the largest majority he has ever received. The old board, headed by Mr. Ferguson, overwhelmingly defeated the Citizens' ticket.

Maryland's first home defense brigade, organized at Hagerstown, now has a membership of more than 100. Numbered among this list are many leading business and professional men of the city. A camp of instruction to be conducted by officers of Company B, First Maryland Infantry, will be started soon and lessons in military tactics will be given.

While playing with an old army revolver, which he did not think was loaded, Melvin Ridenour, aged 11 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ridenour, Hagerstown, shot and badly wounded his brother, Paul, aged three years. The elder boy was sick in bed and was playing with the weapon, when it was discharged. The bullet struck the younger brother in the forehead.

One of the largest sales of Centerville realty made for years was consummated when the hardware firm of Wright & Lowe purchased practically half a block from Town Commissioner C. Q. Snyder. A residence and granaries at Centerville Landing were given in exchange and the cash consideration is said to have been about $15,000.

Mrs. Bernard Bowers, aged 26, was struck and instantly killed in Hagerstown by an automobile owned and driven by Pan Lamprakopolous, a Greek merchant. Mrs. Bowers, accompanied by her young son, Lester, was returning from a visit to relatives in Berkeley, W. Va., and was crossing the street when the machine struck her, crushing her head. The boy was also knocked under the machine, but escaped injury.

For the first time in many years, a church patriotic service was held Sunday in Centerville Methodist Episcopal Church. A feature was the presentation of an American flag to the Sunday school, the presentation address being made by A. Howard Johnson. Patriotic songs and recitations were included in the program; also, an address on "The Church and the Flag," by Prof. E. Stanley Bowlus, principal of the Centerville High School.

The Naval Academy practice squadron will consist this year of the battleships Missouri, Ohio, Maine and Wisconsin and will be commanded by Capt. E. W. Eberle, superintendent of the academy, who will have the Missouri as his flagship. The start from Annapolis will be during the first week in June. The itinerary has not been arranged, but will almost surely be along the Atlantic Coast, a "crab cruise," in the vernacular of the midshipmen.

During the last week three of the best known farms in the Princess Anne section of Somerset county have changed hands, all three having been disposed of to farmers outside the State. The sales have been the result of a systematic canvass by Princess Anne real estate agencies of prospective farm purchasers with the view of bringing into the county new ideas in farming and the hopes in increasing the agricultural advantages and productions of the Somerset farm lands.

The Boosters' Club, composed of more than 100 business men from the South End of Cumberland, elected the following officers: President, Webster K. Edwards; first vice-president, Arthur Weber; second vice-president, George H. McCracken, Sr.; third vice-president, Howard Chaney; secretary, Virgil C. Powell; treasurer, M. F. McElfish; directors, Dr. C. B. Shoemaker, Harry L. Smith, James R. Conway, Roscoe McElfish, Dr. Joseph H. Spicer, W. E. McDonald, Nelson W. Russler.

The large frame dwelling of George Stewart, near Ilchester, was destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered by Master Joseph Hunt, who was on his way home from a nearby blacksmith shop. Young Hunt saw the roof in full blaze. He began yelling, as he knew that Mr. Stewart was sick in bed. Mr. Stewart appeared at a window, not knowing the house was burning over his head. Several neighbors, seeing the flames and smoke, soon went to his assistance and took him to the home of a neighbor. His wife and two children were away and when they got back found their home in ruins.

Christian H. Eckstein, one of the most widely-known men of Frederick, and for nearly 50 years a magistrate, died at his home in that city of paralysis. Justice Eckstein was stricken while attending to some legal work in his office.

William H. Welsh, 76 years old, a farmer, died at his home near Funkstown of heart trouble after an illness of six weeks. Mr. Welsh served as first sergeant of Company I, Seventh Infantry, Fifth Corps, throughout the Civil War.

STATE CAPITAL

Will Speed Up Survey.

Annapolis—

Returning from the conference of Governors, held in Philadelphia, with a clear vision of the military needs of Maryland, Governor Harrington plans to speed up the Survey Commission which he appointed some time ago and to enlarge it by the appointment of additional members.

The most distinct point made in the conference, other than the general one of support of the President and the Federal Government, was the necessity for the storing of National Guard supplies in the States where they will be needed in an emergency.

"Everyone present," said Governor Harrington, "reported trouble in equipping the National Guard of his State at the time of the mobilization for Mexico. There was less trouble in securing men than in getting equipment for them. It was the unanimous opinion that complete equipment for full war strength of the National Guard of each State should be stored in that State, so that at the time of any mobilization the men may be outfitted as fast as they are enlisted."

In discussing the coming survey of Maryland's war resources, the Governor intimated that it would extend not to industrial possibilities alone but to men, and that when a final report was filed it would give some idea, at least, of the quota which Maryland could furnish to the United States Army in time of stress. In several other States where a survey has been made this step has been taken and the figures obtained are considered most valuable.

Need 4,000 Men.

In order to fill its ranks to war strength requirements, 4,000 men are needed by the Maryland National Guard. These requirements will have to be met with when the next call comes for troops from the National Government, according to Adjutant General Warfield.

Maryland will be asked to supply, through the National Guard, three regiments of infantry, one troop of cavalry, one battery of field artillery, one company of coast artillery, one field hospital and one ambulance company. The total required will be 6,996, made up of 197 officers and 6,799 enlisted men. At present not a single unit has enough men although most of them have enough officers.

Just at present few men are enlisting in the National Guard because of the recent long stay on the Mexican border without any military activity except the daily drills. The First Regiment has picked up a few new members but other organizations have gotten few recruits. It is thought, however, that there would be a rush to enlist in the event of war.

Fish-Hatching Station.

The Conservation Commission has established a fish hatchery at Tuckahoe.

B. B. George, of Caroline county, has been designated by the commissioners as an employe of the State, to be located at the hatchery. J. B. Snyder, who has been detailed by the United States Bureau of Fisheries to aid in the work, accompanied the commissioners and after looking over the location and equipment told them that he would give all possible aid in trying to develop the fish industry. He will have general supervision of the hatchery and will work with a view of submitting a comprehensive report of the season's work as to what the future prospects will be.

The first work to be done by the State will be the hatching of yellow perch, which should make their appearance in the waters near by during the next 10 days. The hatching of shad spawn will follow next. Just what can be accomplished by the commissioners is problematical, but it is hoped that the work will lay the foundation for greater activity next year.

Pressing Need Of Farm Labor.

The farm labor situation in Baltimore county is serious, according to J. F. Hudson, agricultural agent for that county. There has not been in 50 years past such a dearth of farm laborers and tenants. The applications for laborers and tenants at this office have far outnumbered the applications for positions. Many farms in the county from present indications will not be worked at all. Others will be only half worked for the lack of men to operate them. The situation is serious for the landowners, and the State and the city dwellers are already feeling the shortage of food supplies.

What Mr. Hudson says of Baltimore county is true of other counties in Maryland. The proportion of people in the cities is altogether too great for the work to be done there. Farm produce will have to continue to advance until the farmers can afford to pay wages high enough to induce men to work upon the land.

Appoints Staff Orderly.

Governor Harrington has appointed Mounted-Sergeant Robert C. McClellan, of the Northern police district, Baltimore, as orderly on his staff. His duties will be only nominal. He will serve with the staff on state occasions.

A parrot, 34 years old, died at the home of David K. Cushwa of Williamsport. The bird was a fluent talker and for many years was the property of the late Victor Cushwa.

To protect babies from drafts when being carried in automobiles a miniature folding top has been invented.

Sitting Bull was killed near Grand River, North Dakota, December 15, 1890.

The City of Venice is planning to open a technical school of arts and handicrafts for boys.

French textile experts have developed a method of printing silks by color photography.

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"Why not?" Wilson demanded, half irritably. "The secret is out. Everybody knows who you are. And now, because a boy who wouldn't have lived anyhow—"

"That's not it," K. put in hastily. "I know all that. I guess I could do it and get away with it as well as the average. All that deters me—I've never told you, have I, why I gave up before?"

Wilson was propped up in his bed. K. was walking restlessly about the room, as was his habit when troubled.

"I've heard the gossip; that's all."

"You know what I always felt about the profession, Max. We went into that more than once in Berlin. Either one's best or nothing. I had done pretty well. When I left Lorch and built my own hospital, I hadn't a doubt of myself. And because I was getting results I got a lot of advertising. Men began coming to the clinics. I found I was making enough out of the patients who could pay to add a few free wards. I want to tell you now, Wilson, that the opening of those free wards was the greatest self-indulgence I ever permitted myself. I'd seen so much careless attention given the poor—well, never mind that. It was almost three years ago that things began to go wrong. I lost a big case."

"I know. All this doesn't influence me, Edwardes."

"Wait a moment. We had a system in the operating room as perfect as I could devise it. I never finished an operation without having my first assistant verify the clip and sponge count. But that first case died because a sponge had been left in the operating field. You know how those things go; you can't always see them, and one goes by the count, after reasonable caution. Then I almost lost another case in the same way—a free case.

"As well as I could tell, the precautions had not been relaxed. I was doing from four to six cases a day. After the second one I almost went crazy. I made up my mind, if there was ever another, I'd give up and go away."

"There was another?"

"Not for several months. When the last case died, a free case again, I performed my own autopsy. I allowed only my first assistant in the room. He was almost as frenzied as I was. It was the same thing again. When I told him I was going away, he offered to take the blame himself, to say he had closed the incision. He tried to make me think he was responsible. I knew—better."

"It's incredible."

"Exactly; but it's true. The last patient was a laborer. He left a family. I've sent them money from time to time. I used to sit and think about the children he left, and what would become of them. The ironic part of it was that, for all that had happened, I was busier all the time. Men were sending me cases from all over the country. It was either stay and keep on working, with that chance, or—quit. I quit."

"But if you had stayed, and taken extra precautions—"

"We'd taken every precaution we knew."

Neither of the men spoke for a time. K. stood, his tall figure outlined against the window.

"That's the worst, is it?" Max Wilson demanded at last.

"That's enough."

"It's extremely significant. You had an enemy somewhere—on your staff, probably. This profession of ours is a big one, but you know its jealousies. Let a man get his shoulders above the crowd, and the pack is after him." He laughed a little. "Mixed figure, but you know what I mean."

K. shook his head. He had had that gift of the big man everywhere, in every profession, of securing the loyalty of his followers. He would have trusted every one of them with his life.

"You're going to do it, of course."

"Take up your work?"

"Yes."

He stirred restlessly. To stay on, to be near Sidney, perhaps to stand by as Wilson's best man when she was married—it turned him cold. But he did not give a decided negative. The sick man was flushed and growing fretful; it would not do to irritate him.

"Give me another day on it," he said at last. And so the matter stood.

Max's injury had been productive of good, in one way. It had brought the two brothers closer together. In the mornings Max was restless until Doctor Ed arrived. When he came, he brought books in the shabby bag—his beloved Burns, although he needed no book for that, the "Pickwick Papers," Renan's "Lives of the Disciples." Very often Max would doze off; but at the cessation of Doctor Ed's sonorous voice the sick man would stir fretfully and demand more. It pleased the older man vastly. It reminded him of Max's boyhood, when he had read to Max at night. For once in the last dozen years, he needed him.

"Go on, Ed. What in blazes makes you stop every five minutes?" Max protested, one day.

Doctor Ed, who had only stopped to bite off the end of a stogie to hold in his cheek, picked up his book in a hurry, and eyed the invalid over it.

"Stop bullying. I'll read when I'm ready. Have you any idea what I'm reading?"

"Of course."

"Well, I haven't. For ten minutes I've been reading across both pages!"

Max laughed, and suddenly put out his hand. Demonstrations of affection were so rare with him that for a moment Doctor Ed was puzzled. Then, rather sheepishly, he took it.

"When I get out," Max said, "we'll have to go out to the White Springs again and have supper."

That was all; but Ed understood.

On the day when K. had told Max his reason for giving up his work, Sidney spent her hour with Max that evening as usual. His big chair had been drawn close to a window, and she found him there, looking out. She kissed him. But instead of letting her draw away, he put out his arms and caught her to him.

"Smile at me. You don't smile any more. You ought to smile; your mouth—"

"I am almost always tired; that's all, Max."

She eyed him bravely.

"Aren't you going to let me make love to you at all? You get away beyond my reach."

"I was looking for the paper to read to you."

A sudden suspicion flamed in his eyes.

"Sidney, you don't like me to touch you any more. Come here where I can see you."

The fear of agitating him brought her quickly. For a moment he was appeased.

"That's more like it. How lovely you are, Sidney!" He lifted first one hand and then the other to his lips. "Are you ever going to forgive me?"

"If you mean about Carlotta, I forgave that long ago."

He was almost boyishly relieved. What a wonder she was! So lovely, and so sane. Many a woman would have held that over him for years—not that he had done anything really wrong on that nightmare excursion. But so many women are exigent about promises.

"When are you going to marry me?"

"We needn't discuss that tonight, Max. Can't we talk things over when you are stronger?"

Her tone caught his attention, and turned him a little white. He faced her to the window, so that the light fell on her.

"What things? What do you mean?"

He had forced her hand. She had meant to wait; but, with his keen eyes on her, she could not dissemble.

"I am going to make you very unhappy for a little while."

"Well?"

"I've had a lot of time to think. It isn't that I am angry. I am not even jealous. I was at first. It isn't that. It's hard to make you understand. I think you care for me—"

"But, good heavens, Sidney, you do care for me, don't you?"

"I'm afraid I don't, Max; not enough."

She tried to explain, rather pitifully. After one look at his face, she spoke to the window.

"I'm so wretched about it. I thought I cared. To me you were the best and greatest man that ever lived. I—when I said my prayers, I— But that doesn't matter. You were a sort of god to me."

He groaned under his breath.

"No man could live up to that, Sidney."

"No. I see that now. But that's the way I cared. It's just that I never loved the real you, because I never knew you."

When he remained silent, she made an attempt to justify herself.

"I'd known very few men," she said. "I came into the hospital, and for a time life seemed very terrible. There were wickednesses I had never heard of, and somebody always paying for them. I was always asking, Why? Why? Then you would come in, and a lot of them you cured and sent out. You gave them their chance, don't you see? Until I knew about Carlotta, you always meant that to me. You were like K.—always helping."

The room was very silent. In the nurses' parlor, a few feet down the corridor, the nurses were at prayers.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death—"

The man in the chair stirred. He had come through the valley of the shadow, and for what? He was very bitter. He said to himself savagely that they would better have let him die.

"You say you never loved me because you never knew me. I'm not a rotter, Sidney. Isn't it possible that the man you cared about, who—who did his best by people and all that—is the real me?"

She gazed at him thoughtfully. He missed something out of her eyes, the sort of luminous, wistful greatness. Measured by this new glance, so clear, so appraising, he shrank back into his chair.

"The man who did his best is quite real. You have always done your best in your work; you always will. But the other is a part of you too, Max. Even if I cared, I would not dare to run the risk."

She took a step toward the door, hesitated, came back, and put a light hand on his shoulder.

"I'm sorry, dear Max."

She had kissed him lightly on the cheek before he knew what she intended to do. So passionless was the little caress that, perhaps more than anything else, it typified the change in their relation.

When the door closed behind her, he saw that she had left her ring on the arm of his chair. He picked it up. It was still warm from her finger. He held it to his lips with a quick gesture. In all his successful life he had never before felt the bitterness of failure. The very warmth of the little ring hurt.

Why hadn't they let him die? He didn't want to live—he wouldn't live. Nobody cared for him! He would—

His eyes, lifted from the ring, fell on the red glow of the roses that had come that morning. Even in the half light, they glowed with fiery color.

The ring was in his right hand. With the left he settled his collar and soft silk tie.

K. saw Carlotta that evening for the last time. Katie brought word to him, where he was helping Harriet close her trunk—she was on her way to Europe for the fall styles—that he was wanted in the lower hall.

"A lady!" she said, closing the door behind her by way of caution. "And a good thing for her she's not from the alley. The way those people beg off you is a sin and a shame, and it's not at home you're going to be to them from now on."

So K. had put on his coat and, without so much as a glance in Harriet's mirror, had gone down the stairs. Carlotta stood under the chandelier, and he saw at once the ravages that trouble had made in her. She was a dead white, and she looked ten years older than her age.

"I came, you see, Doctor Edwardes." Evidently she found it hard to speak.

"You were to come," K. encouraged her, "to see if we couldn't plan something for you. Now, I think I've got it. You know, of course, that I closed my hospital. They are trying to persuade me to go back, and—I'm trying to persuade myself that I'm fit to go back. You see,"—his tone was determinedly cheerful—"my faith in myself has been pretty nearly gone. When one loses that, there isn't much left."

"You had been very successful." She did not look up.

"Well, I had and I hadn't. I'm not going to worry you about that. My offer is this: We'll just try to forget about—about Schwitter's and all the rest, and if I go back I'll take you on in the operating room."

"You sent me away once!"

"Well, I can ask you to come back, can't I?" He smiled at her encouragingly.

"Are you sure you understand about Max Wilson and myself?"

"Everyone makes mistakes now and then, and loving women have made mistakes since the world began. Most people live in glass houses, Miss Harrison. And don't make any mistake about this: People can always come back. No depth is too low. All they need is the will power."

He smiled down at her. She had come armed with confession. But the

"I'm Sorry, Dear Max."

offer meant reinstatement, another chance. She would work her finger-ends off for him. She would make it up to him in other ways. But she could not tell him and lose everything.

"Come," he said. "Shall we go back and start over again?"

He held out his hand.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Late September had come. The Street had been furiously busy for a month. The cobblestones had gone, and from curb to curb stretched smooth asphalt. To this general excitement the strange case of Mr. Le Moyne had added its quota. One day he was in the gas office, making out statements that were absolutely ridiculous. And the next there was the news that Mr. Le Moyne had been only taking a holiday in the gas office and that he was really a very great surgeon and had saved Dr. Max Wilson.

The Street, which was busy at the time deciding whether to leave the old sidewalks or to put down cement ones, had one evening of mad excitement over the matter—of K., not the sidewalks—and then had accepted the new situation.

But over the news of K.'s approaching departure it mourned. The Street made a resolve to keep K., if possible. If he had shown any "high and mightiness," as they called it, since the change in his estate, it would have let him go without protest. But when a man is the real thing—so that the newspapers give a column to his having been in the city almost two years—and still goes about in the same shabby clothes, with the same friendly greeting for everyone, it demonstrates clearly, as the baritone put it, that "he's got no swelled head on him; that's sure."

A little later, K., coming up the Street as he had that first day, heard the baritone singing:

"Home is the hunter, home from the hill,
And the sailor, home from the sea."

Home! Why, this was home. The Street seemed to stretch out its arms to him. The ailanthus tree waved in the sunlight before the little house. Tree and house were old; September had touched them. Christine sat sewing on the balcony. A boy with a piece of chalk was writing something on the new cement under the tree. He stood back, head on one side, when he had finished, and inspected his work. K. read in chalk on the smooth street:

Max Wilson.
Sidney Page.

The baritone was still singing; but now it was "I'm twenty-one, and she's eighteen." The light was gone from K.'s face again. After all, the Street meant for him not so much home as it meant Sidney. And now, before very long, that book of his life, like others, would have to be closed.

He turned and went heavily into the little house.

Christine called to him from her little balcony:

"I thought I heard your step outside. Have you time to come in?"

K. went through the parlor and stood in the long window. His steady eyes looked down at her.

"I see very little of you now," she complained. And, when he did not reply immediately: "Have you made any definite plans, K.?"

"I shall do Max's work until he is able to take hold again. After that—"

"You will go away?"

"I think so. I am getting a good many letters, one way and another. I suppose, now I'm back in harness, I'll stay. My old place is closed. I'd go back there—they want me. But it seems so futile, Christine, to leave as I did, because I felt that I had no right to go on as things were; and now to crawl back on the strength of having had my hand forced, and to take up things again, not knowing that I've a bit more right to do it than when I left!"

"I went to see Max yesterday. You know what he thinks about all that."

He took an uneasy turn up and down the balcony.

"But who?" he demanded. "Who would do such a thing? I tell you, Christine, it is impossible."

She did not pursue the subject. Her thoughts had flown ahead to the little house without K., to days without his steps on the stairs or the heavy creak of his big chair overhead as he dropped into it.

But perhaps it would be better if he went. She had her own life to live. She had no expectation of happiness, but, somehow or other, she must build on the shaky foundation of her marriage a house of life, with resignation serving for content, perhaps with fear lurking always. That she knew. But with no active misery. Misery implied affection, and her love for Palmer was quite dead.

"Sidney will be here this afternoon."

"Good." His tone was noncommittal.

"Has it occurred to you, K., that Sidney is not very happy?"

He stopped in front of her.

"She's had a great anxiety."

"She has no anxiety now. Max is doing well."

"Then what is it?"

"I'm not quite sure, but I think I know. She's lost faith in Max, and she's not like me. I—I knew about Palmer before I married him. It's all rather hideous—I needn't go into it. But Sidney has more character than I have. Max isn't what she thought he was, and I doubt whether she'll marry him."

K. glanced toward the street where Sidney's name and Max's lay open to the sun and to the smiles of the Street. Christine might be right, but that did not alter things for him.

Christine's thoughts went back inevitably to herself; to Palmer, who was doing better just now; to K., who was going away—went back with an ache to the night K. had taken her in his arms and then put her away. How wrong things were! What a mess life was!

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

TIME FOR BOSS TO GET BUSY

Paddy's Earnest Warning Seems to Have Been Justified by the Facts of the Case.

Paddy was out of work, and passing a works he saw a notice which said a stoker was wanted.

Of course, he could use a spade, so he applied and got the job. It seems the man who held the job before was sacked because he lost time, and naturally his mates wouldn't tell Paddy how to go about his fresh job.

The boss told him to watch the pressure gauge, and if he wanted to know anything he was to go and ask the boss.

For a while all went well. Paddy shoveled the coal on, and the gauge registered full pressure; and he worked away until the safety valve started blowing off. Still he worked away, and the steam still escaped through the safety valve.

Paddy, not knowing what was the matter, ran to the boss, and said:

"Boss, if you don't be coming to this boiler, the boiler will be coming to you!"

Simply Logical.

Customer—I wish I had as good a head of hair as you have. I have have tried everything to remedy my baldness, but without result.

Barber—Have you ever tried rubbing your head with steel?

Customer—Certainly not. That seems ridiculous.

Barber—Why ridiculous? My brother is a watchmaker, and he tells me as a fact that steel makes the hair-spring!

"Poor Jim."

They tell it of a place on Van Buren street:

"Here," said the proprietor, "is a little gift for you and Jim. Each bottle is finest old whisky. You drop in at Jim's on your way and give him this, will you?"

"Certainly," cried the grateful one. On his way he fell and broke one bottle.

"Poor Jim!" he muttered, picking himself up.—Chicago Herald.

The Reason.

Pat—I saw you crying bitterly at Kelly's funeral.

Mike—Yes. Whilst I was appraising the furniture a fat woman sat on me hat.

Sound Advice.

Levitsky—What should I do if a man calls me a liar?

Cohenstein—It depends on how big a man he is and how big a liar he calls you.

Aviators attached to the signal corps station at San Diego obtain weather reports.

MANY SPRING SUITS

SOUTHERN SEASON BRINGS OUT UNUSUALLY LARGE DISPLAY.

Accepted Lines of Conventionally Severe Tailored Coat Show Little Change From Those of Last Winter.

The Southern season always brings out a certain number of spring tailored suits, but this year there is an unusually large display. There is nothing particularly new or startling about the advance spring tailored costumes.

For the conventionally severe tailored coat the accepted lines promise to be very much like those of the winter season.

As is generally the case in the spring the Norfolk suit, although often having little in common with the Norfolk except its belt, is much on view, especially in the collection intended for country or sports wear.

Then there is the suit coat semi-fitted and rippling around the bottom. This varies in length from hip to finger tip length. Some of the new models are of hip length with the front of the coat open to show the waistcoat in Breton or Louis XIV style.

A fanciful tailored costume of black satin revealed a pearl gray waistcoat embroidered in silver. This coat had a belt of the material and pockets posed below the belt. There are also a few straight models, elaborately embroidered or braided.

The spring frocks multiply daily. A lovely model recently noted was of navy blue serge and navy blue and green checked material. The serge formed the upper part of the gown, which fastened down the side with froggings, meeting a skirt of navy and green checks. The collar and cuffs were braided.

Great vogue is predicted for braid trimming. An interesting model noted is of navy cloth and black satin. The long, straight fourreau opening over a black satin front is braided on the waist, and at the neck, while the edges are trimmed with pieces of wide galloon, pointed at the ends and posed one above the other. At the waist similar pieces of galloon are arranged to allow a satin sash to slip under them. This sash is tied at the side and braided at the ends.

For more dressy frocks there is predicted a return of the vogue for taffeta. This silk is also much in demand for trimmings and combined with georgette crepe and voile.

Frocks of satin are much in vogue. Black satin intended for dress wear was appliqued with designs of Indian cashmere in medallion form with metallic embroidery on bodice front and cuffs.

SPRING WALKING SUIT

Here is a spring walking suit, plaited in the front, and cut on military lines copied from the service uniforms of Uncle Sam's soldiers. In this model the skirt is lower than the 1916 styles, substantiating the contentions of the leading fashion experts that skirts had reached the high altitude limit and would steadily go down in length.

NOVEL SPRING HAT

A spring hat of novel design embroidered with darning cotton. The crown is a spool form made of cotton net and val lace. Two pasospras are attached to the hat at the apex of the crown and arranged to droop at each side. It is finished with a rope of fuchsia colored velvet held in position with rhinestone slipper ornaments. The model is Edna Goodrich, the theatrical star.

COIFFURE TO SUIT FEATURES

Individuality in Hairdressing Is Becoming More Pronounced—Modified Casque New Style.

Individuality in hairdressing grows more pronounced. Some really artistic coiffures, enough on present lines not to look odd, are curiously in character with the faces they frame. If a girl has one or two slightly eastern features, she seeks to accentuate them. Has she large, dark eyes, a Spanish comb matches up. No longer is the Marcel wave kept in its pristine severity. One has the hair waved, to be sure, then proceeds to comb it out just enough to lose the artificiality.

There is no headdress newer than the modified casque, rising a bit higher on the top of the head as it is drawn toward the back. The tendency to a thin waved forehead fringe and to little tendrils which wave into curls in front of the ears is an addition to the hairdressing of those who go in for more elaborate coiffures. These are so unaccentuated that they are not noticeable at a little distance. They are very far from the exaggerated curves of hair sometimes seen, and serve to soften the face and also to show a bit of hair below the hat crowns, which are pulled so far down over the forehead.

PAPAL HAT IS NEW DESIGN

Brim Is Cut Into Two High Points in Front and Back—Tendency Shown Toward Exposing the Hair.

The papal hat, called the miter, has been launched in Paris. It fits the head snugly and the brim is cut into two high points of even height, back and front. One is in Vatican purple satin, heavily embroidered in oxidized silver thread; another is in black satin, embroidered in dull gold threads, with a flat bit of ruby-colored velvet embroidered in the front brim.

All-white hats have been launched for the early spring season. High shapes of white straw, trimmed with irregular groupings of stiff white wings are favorites. White satin hats trimmed with black wings have moderately wide brims.

All hats are worn straight across the eyebrows; the tilt has almost disappeared. The headband is small and shows the hair at sides and back. The new millinery shows a tendency toward exposing the hair, after seasons of covering it.

Gold and oxidized lace is arranged in butterflies and bows on evening hats. The wearing of a picture hat with a low gown at a public place in the evening has returned to fashion.

Sport hats are made of colored felt with a rough surface, trimmed with a cross-stitch in black worsted thread, usually running up the high crown in straight lines.

Stiff wings are taken up by the milliners for high turbans.

New Umbrellas.

The latest umbrella shows a tiny watch in the strap handle. The conservative umbrella is disappearing. Colored umbrellas are the vogue, and the leather strap handle the height of style and convenience. The newest umbrellas are seen either with leather strap handles or white flat handles just touched with the color of the umbrella. Purple is the favorite shade, though green, navy and burgundy are also used. Many novelty umbrellas show a striped border.

A Curtain Hint.

The hot sun shining through the glass always rots the bottom of the curtain before the upper half is near worn out. So this spring, whatever new curtains you get, make them with hems of equal size at both ends. Each time before they are taken down to wash, mark the bottom with a thread. Then when they are put up again, put that end on the pole.

This is a very little trouble and lengthens the life of a curtain considerably.

Silk Net in Orchid Colors.

Silk net in orchid colors is again introduced for evening gowns. It does not appeal to the world as anything original, but women are eagerly accepting gowns of it when they present a combination of six or seven colors of tulle arranged in panels or superimposed in layers. New dance gowns, however, are of silk net arranged in voluminous drapery over excessively narrow satin skirts. One of the successful gowns is of white tulle over pale yellow satin, with the barrel effect got through puffs of tulle which support immense, but fragile, pockets of yellow crystal beads which are supported from the shoulders by necklaces of the same beads, giving almost the effect of the baskets of flowers and fruit carried by the Italians, which are swung from their shoulders with gayly colored ribbons.

New Barrel Skirts.

One of the new barrel skirts is made in a most peculiar and attractive manner; it is of beige chiffon, both bodice and skirt laid in fine plaits. From the hem of the skirt to an irregular line above the knees there is an immense cuff of self-colored faille, narrow at the shoe line and extra wide at the knee line. The top of it is outlined with rows of dull gold galloon.

Laundering Curtains.

If you want curtains to be white cut a lemon in two and put it into the boiler with good suds; if wanted ecru put them in clear water after being washed with a cupful of strong tea or a tan stocking. Both will answer the purpose and do the work to your own satisfaction.

THREE AMERICAN STEAMERS SUNK

Sent to Bottom By Submarines in British Waters.

MANY OF CREWS AMERICANS

City Of Memphis Torpedoed After the Crew Had Taken To the Boats, the Vigilancia Sunk Without Warning and the Tanker Illinois Sent Down.

Three steamships flying the American flag have been accounted for by Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare. Their total gross tonnage was 14,587.

American steamer City of Memphis, owned by the Ocean Steamship Company, of Savannah, sailed from Cardiff with bunker coal for New York. Commanded by Captain Borum, a native of Virginia. Torpedoed after warning. All her officers and crew of 50 men were American citizens. Three boats containing 33 men landed.

American steamship Vigilancia, of the Globe Line, was sunk without warning. Captain and 21 of the crew of 45 men were Americans. Ship valued at $1,000,000, cargo at $750,000. Captain and five officers and 13 men landed at the Scilly Islands. Fourth engineer and 13 men missing.

American steamship Illinois, a tanker owned by the Texas Company of New York. Her crew was landed. She sailed from Port Arthur, Tex., February 17 for British port.

Washington. — With the announcement of the ruthless destruction of three unarmed American merchant ships by submarines, it was unofficially admitted here Sunday night that virtually a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

Technically the United States remains in a position of armed neutrality. Whether this shall be changed before April 16, the date fixed for a special session of Congress, the war-making branch of the government, President Wilson has not decided.

One step the President is contemplating is a call for an immediate session of Congress to hear an address asking for authority to adopt aggressive measures against the submarine menace. Already American ships are being armed to defend themselves; the next move must be to send warships with order to seek out submarines and clear the trans-Atlantic lanes.

Some of the highest officials of the government hold that the Executive has the power to declare that a state of war exists and to proceed with aggressive protecting steps pending the assembling of Congress.

VILLA TAKES PARRAL.

Report Says He Then Marched On Chihuahua.

El Paso, Texas.—Francisco Villa captured Parral, Chihuahua, Saturday, defeating the Carranza forces there, according to a report received by Government agents and forwarded to Washington.

Villa then led his forces down the mountain and started toward Chihuahua City with the intention of attacking the State capital, according to the same source of information.

An American mining man arrived here from Magistral, Durango, and reported to his employers that Villa forces entered Magistral 15 days ago and killed two Americans, Lou Zeigler and C. A. Winn, and a number of Mexican men employed there. The report has not been confirmed.

CALLS SLAIN YOUTH BETRAYED.

Counsel For V. P. I. Professor Issues Statement.

Blacksburg, Va.—Counsel for Prof. Charles E. Vawter, accused of killing Stockton Heth, Jr., issued a statement saying that "after a thorough investigation of the facts surrounding the tragedy, the evidence will disclose a betrayal of friendship and confidence reposed."

This is the first statement from any member or representative of the Vawter family since young Heth was fatally shot in the Vawter home. Heth died at Roanoke and Professor Vawter gave new bond after waiving a preliminary hearing.

FOR MERIT SYSTEM IN WAR.

Civil Service League Wants Best Men in Industries.

Washington.—The executive council of the National Civil Service Reform League sent to the National Defense Council a request that in case of war and Government management of various industries, the merit system be applied to the selection of new officials and employes wherever possible.

DYNAMITERS SENTENCED.

Six and a Half to Thirteen Years For Subway Plotters.

New York.—A sentence of from six and one-half to 13 years in Sing Sing was imposed on William Molsky, 21 years old, and James Murnagh, 24, for their participation in the plot to destroy an uptown subway station with dynamite during the transit strike here last October. They had confessed their guilt.

Senate Adjourns Special Session.

Washington.—The Senate adjourned sine die at 3.03 Friday afternoon, after President Wilson had informed it he had nothing further to lay before it "at present."

Towns in the Canary Islands are to be provided with a long-distance telephone service.

Vacuum cleaners have been designed especially for cleaning school blackboards.

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BACK TO HIS CABBAGES

THAT feeble Roman off Autocrat, the amiable Nicholas, like the old Roman emperor weary of the purple, has dropped his perilous cares of State and betaken himself off to his paternal estates in Lividia, Crimea, to look after the imperial cabbages.

While the fashion of his self-renunciation is not so creditable as the sturdy old Roman fighter's, yet all the same it may be better for the cabbages, and surely will be for the Russian Nation. That he was forced so suddenly to doff the autocratic robes of the White Czar, to don the gardiner's corduroys he may thank that German wife of his, who like the Kaiser's sister, wife of Constantine the Greek king, was doing her best, helped by the German spies and Bureaucrats to defeat the armies of Russia.

It is now known that this powerful German ring surrounding her weak husband refused to forward guns, artillery, &c., to the bold and successful Grand Duke Nicholas, and thus left him and his army as helpless as a big drove of sheep before that wonderfu soldier, Von Hindenburg, who with the rest of the German commanders had been so successful when attacking the smaller armies of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania, is a "mighty hunter" of hu man sheep, helpless, unarmed soldiery! Mister General Von Hindenburg, does not some how seem to be able to drive thus French or English troops, nor Russian troops with guns in their hands!

THREE WEAK PRESIDENTS

FOR the third time in its history our country has the signal misfortune to have a weak, vacillating character for president during a time of great national danger.

Its first illustration was the timid Monroe, in the war of 1812 who, like Mr. Wilson, ridiculed the idea of any war preparation, and when the Redcoats showed up one day in Washington, ignobly scuttled out of the city, bag and baggage, leaving it and the Capitol a prey to the ruffian British to be sacked and burned.

The second illustration was Buchanan, whose cowardly, vacillating course at the outbreak of the Civil War, encouraged treason and left the national government helpless to defend itself from the Secessionists.

The third illustration, that of Mr. Wilson's feeble wavering policies, his amazing refusal in the face of such plain warnings, to prepare to meet the emergency of war, is but too familiar to all.

How each day's history in the Great War condemns Mr. Wilson's tardy wobbling policies! Ever doing the wrong thing, the foolish, the cowardly thing. For two years after the Lusitiania Massacre of 1250 men, women and children, 115 of whom were Americans, lawfully, peacefully sailing the free ocean, Mr. Wilson has been responding to each successive under-sea assassination with childish notes of feeble protest mingled with sugary protestations of great admiration for Germany's high honor and "deep friendship for our country!"

With Uncle Sam's anatomy shot full of holes, Mr. Wilson could not believe that his dear Germans meant anything wrong by their playful use of bombs and torpedoes, and to each fresh murderous outrage our "peace at any price" president issued another bit of honied rhetoric, while the whole world looked on with amused contempt at this amazing duel between the harmless presidential typewriter and the deadly German submarines.

But the absurd, one-sided war is at an end. For over two years we have been at war in this inglorious one-sided fashion.

So for four years we have been at war in this absurd unilateral fashion with Mexico, whose swash-buckling greasers have twice invaded our land, destroying property and killing our citizens.

Yet we are told that this wonderful writer of pretty phrases has "kept us out of war!"

In view of our precipitation into this awful maelstrom of the Great War in Europe, that laudatoɹy phrase which served his political fortunes so well in the late election, "He kept us out of war," will now be altered to one not so highly complimentary, "He kept us out of preparation for war." For thanks to Mr. Wilson's perverse blindness and boundless conceit, we are entering that war almost totally unprepared—with neither ships, muntions of war, nor yet of sailors or soldiers.

The truth is, Mr. Wilson is too cowardly to defend the country as his oath of office recited. It was a mixture of conceit and poltroonery that caused him to insist upon being made Dictator so that he alone would decide all questions, all courses. Had he asked Congress to give power to arm our shipping, several of the 13 who opposed his demand for a dictatorship would have voted for his other demand to arm our shipping.

His pretence that only cloture in its most drastic form could get Congress to pass the ship-arming bill, was false and he knew it was false—indeed, he also knew that he as President possessed plenary powers to arm those ships without asking authority from Congress. This is proved by the fact that he has done so despite the refusal of the late Congress to grant him such power.

Then again why did he not call the extra session of Congress at once in this time of national peril? No, this poor, vain scribbler wished to have the whole government of the country in this time of great danger placed in his hands. But when driven by an insistant public opinion to forego his plan to be Czar, he put off the extra session to the late day of April 16th., long before which time Germany will be making full war against our country. He should at once call Congress in session.

No Eggs, Milk or Butter

The following recipe shows how an appetizing, wholesome cake can be made without expensive ingredients.

In many other recipes the number of eggs may be reduced one-half or more by using an additional quantity of ROYAL Baking Powder, about a teaspoon, in place of each egg omitted.

EGGLESS, MILKLESS, BUTTERLESS CAKE

1 cup brown sugar
1¼ cups water
1 cup seeded raisins
2 ounces citron
⅓ cup shortening
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups flour
5 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder

The old method (fruit cake) called for 2 eggs

DIRECTIONS—Put the first eight ingredients into saucepan and boil three minutes. When cool, add the flour and baking powder which have been sifted together; mix well. Bake in moderate oven in loaf pan (round tin with hole in center is best) for 35 or 40 minutes. Ice with white icing.

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HEALTH AND THE NATION.

The greatness of a nation largely depends upon the health of the people and this health is closely connected with the habits and moral character of the people. As a general proposition, ill health is the result of the violation of natural law and it should not be forgotten that natural law is also divine law. So after all, the health of a nation is largely a matter of moral character, says Ohio State Journal. It sometimes seems different, but experience is sure to confirm this logic. Health is harmony, and that harmony consists largely in observing the moral law. Emerson said: "The end of all political struggle is to establish morality as the basis of all legislation," and especially of all legislation affecting the care of the people's health. So, wherever we turn we find that righteousness exalteth a nation, and that exaltation can be well expressed in harmony and health. If the purpose of the government is to promote the good of the people, the idea that moral habit is outside of its jurisdiction is absurd; not moral habit by force, but by such an arrangement of the social and political situation as will encourage cleanliness, frankness, courtesy, temperance, good will and those qualities that are as good for the stomach as for the soul.

The tendency of the age is shown by the publication of so many stories in magazines of good repute. It used to be that the articles in a reputable magazine were instructive, but of late they seem to be more on the entertaining sort, and the change takes the form of novels. The other day we took up a first-class magazine to look for some sensible and substantial reading, and found all the articles stories but one, and that was on the entertaining order, says Ohio State Journal. It means that people don't like to think, and this indicates that the habit of thinking is growing weaker. It is a great pity that in these days, when there is so much to think about, that the ability to think is not as great as it ought to be, and it never will be as long as the novel takes the first place in the people's reading. Mind, we say the first place, the monopoly of one's time and attention, which should not be. Our favorite magazine, 30 or 40 years ago, has disappeared. It contained too much instruction.

The supreme court of Louisiana has recently made a decision which may be of more than passing interest to young doctors. The case was one in which a young physician who had been a friend of the testatrix sued the estate for $1,500 for services. The trial judge allowed only $262 of this claim, giving the opinion that a young practitioner had no right to charge or expect the fees charged by older practitioners. The supreme court, on the contrary, held that the young physician fresh from the schools, enlightened by recent discoveries, is more competent to deal with a case than a physician who has the experience of a past generation, and allowed the amount claimed $1,500.

Boston announces a new substitute. People who call for fried scallops in restaurants now often are served not with shellfish, but with imitations cut out of the meat of a sea skate with a die, and so closely resembling the real thing, it is said, that when they are cooked no one but experts can tell the difference, says Milwaukee Wisconsin. Is this a response to the recent campaign of government food authorities in favor of the utilization of heretofore unpopular varieties of sea food?

That dinosaur recently added to the collection in the American Museum of Natural History was 45 feet long when alive some 8,000,000 years ago and weighed about a ton. It is just as well that the monster died before the cost of living became so acute.

With agricultural prosperity so pronounced the farmer will be coming to town to take his vacation and things will be reversed with city folks taking country boarders for the summer.

A western woman is said to have offered to give a ranch hand two cows if he would kill her husband. Evidently she didn't think very much of the cows, either.

A new antiswearing league has been started in Holland, but it may be only a roundabout way of depriving neutrals of their right to express their opinion.

An eastern chap who has just received an unexpected legacy of a million says he will take up aviation. Going to start right in to be a high flyer.

GETTING A START

By Nathaniel C. Fowler, Jr.

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THE INVENTOR.

Statistics are misleading, but I may say in passing that millions of patents have been issued, and that thousands of new inventions are patented yearly.

The patent office will grant a patent for a new discovery or invention, irrespective of its commercial or other worth, the patent examiners basing their decisions upon the newness of the thing patented entirely regardless of its intrinsic value.

Inventions have been made by both sexes, and by people of all ages, including the immature youth. Some of them have brought fortunes; but the majority of patents are worth practically nothing, and many a good discovery or invention, through lack of development and exploitation, has not contributed anything to its originator.

A successful invention is dependent upon two conditions: First, the commercial or other value of the thing itself; secondly, proper development.

Comparatively few inventors or scientific men have business ability, and the majority do not understand the marketing of the products of their ingenuity. They can invent, but they cannot exploit. They can discover, but they cannot distribute.

While a few great inventions have been the result of chance or accident, the majority of profitable patents are the result of education and training, combined with unceasing research. Mere brightness and ingenuity are not sufficient. I am inclined to think that the inventor comes by his talent naturally and that he cannot produce it.

If you are ingenious and original and would invent, first train yourself along the line of your proposed course. Secondly, do not invent in a haphazard manner. Study conditions by research, ascertain what is wanted, what can be used, what will be used if properly presented. Then attempt to meet this demand. When the idea is born, search the patent records, for the chances are that someone else has forestalled you. By quiet and more or less secret inquiry attempt to discover whether or not what you have is marketable. Then consult a reputable patent lawyer or solicitor. If you do not know of one, ask the judge of the court, or some high-class attorney at law, to recommend one. Place yourself unreservedly in his hands, for no reliable patent lawyer or solicitor has ever been known to betray his clients. After the patent is issued to you, get into communication with concerns manufacturing similar articles, or appearing to do so; and either sell your patent outright or arrange for a royalty. The chances are a thousand to one that you cannot properly handle it yourself.

Bear in mind one thing: the result of ingenuity is worthless unless it can be used either commercially or for the benefit of humanity. Financial profit comes only to those who produce something which will sell.

You may be perfectly convinced of the value of your invention, but, unless you can make the public realize its worth, you cannot hope to win fame or fortune from it. First, be sure that you have something which the world needs, then make every effort to show the world that you have something very much worth its consideration, by placing it in the hands of men you can trust, men who have the capital and ability to develop it. Don't try to do it yourself unless you have both money and business acumen.

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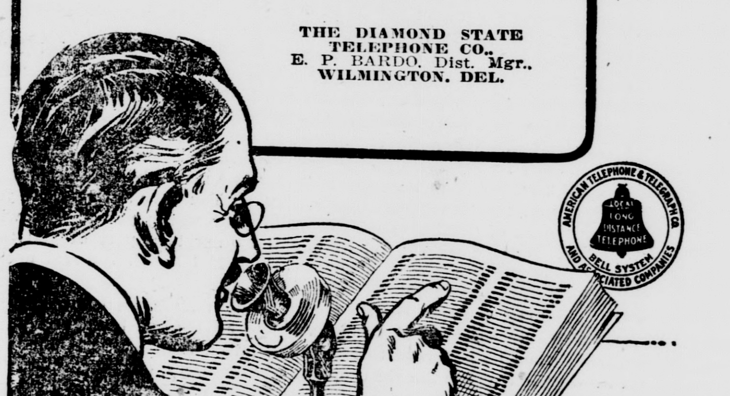

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STATE AND PENINSULA

Herring have appeared in upper Chesapeake Bay.

Kent County, Md., has asked for bids for a new high school building at Galena.

Easton has organized a Red Cross branch, with Colonel Oswald Tilghman chairman.

It is said that trains on the branches of the Delaware Railroad will soon be run by electricity.

Following a large run of perch and herring, fish are being sold in Georgetown at five cents.

The steamer which lies between Frederick and Philadelphia has gone to Philadelphia for repairs.

One fisherman along Lewes Beach picked up 1500 laths that floated ashore from the barge Ionian.

Trinity P. E. congregation, Wilmington, has subscribed $1222 toward a fund of $6000 to pay off its indebtedness.

Though Laurel has a new fire engine, it would be of no use in case of a fire, as Council has not formally accepted it.

Attempting to remove a cartridge from a revolver, Joseph Mercini, New Castle, shot himself through the left hand.

John T. Stoop will be a candidate for president of New Castle Council at the election of April 10, opposing James J. Whalen.

Because of the U-boat net and mines in the lower Delaware River and Bay, shad fishermen will be restricted to the upper river.

Joseph Kraujeski, aged 18, alleged to have induced smaller boys to steal, was sentenced to the workhouse for one year, in Wilmington.

Practically every one of the 250 men appointed on the defense committee in Wilmington by Mayor Price has signified his willingness to serve.

Fire destroyed Hudson Bros bakery at Georgetown recently, entailing a loss of $20,000. The insurance will not pay for half the loss machinery.

Small boys broke into Lewes High School the other night, and after destroying considerable furniture, stole a teacher's watch from a desk.

Two big search lights have been erected to light the Delaware River and surroundings at the Bethlehem Steel projectile plant, at New Castle.

The body of the aged [illegible] along the Baltimore & [illegible] tracks, in Wilmington, w[illegible] as that of Alexander Fergu[illegible]

Council candidates [illegible] district, New Castle, [illegible] Whitlock, and from the First, Lou Duncent and George B. Neef

Epworth Methodist Church, Rehoboth Beach, is anxious for the return of Pastor, Disston W. Jacobs, and has offered him an increase of $200 in salary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, of Milford, perhaps the oldest woman in lower Delaware, who died Sunday, would have been 100 years old in a few weeks.

The Board of County Commissioners of Cecil Co., Md., in session at Elkton, decided to appropriate $5,000 and spend that and $5,000 additional on the road from Cayots Corner to Town Point, this year.

G. H. Alford, for several years the State Agent for Maryland, resigned that position at the close of February to accept the position of Agriculturist and Field Agent for the U S. Department of Agriculture.

The deposits of the Elkton Banking and Trust Company, as reported to the comptroller at the bank call on March 5, are more than $400,000. This is an increase of more than $100,000 for the new institution only three years old.

First steps toward demolition of the old Wilmington Court House and beautification of the square in front of the new city building will be taken with the letting of the contract for razing the building, bids for which are due March 27.

The Women's College of Delaware will again offer a scholarship of $100 to the girl passing the entrance examinations with the highest standing. The student must be a resident of this State and make an average of at least 85 per cent. covering fourteen units.

The National City Bank of New York, says that the world is entering upon a year of scarcity. The wheat crop of 1916 was fifty millions of bushels under 1915, and the Canadian crop was 211 million bushels short. The crops of Argentina, France, Italy, Australia and India, were all about 25 per cent below.

The summer school at Delaware College, the primary purpose of which is the training of teachers, as well as to provide high school students to make up deficiencies in college entrance requirements, will be extended to ten weeks this year. There will be two terms, the first of six and the second of four weeks.

The Diebert Barge Building Company, of Elkton, is ready to begin operations on the Furnace wharf just as soon as the material arrives The company already has contracts for four large sea going barges and will shortly contract for others. The present contracts will keep a force of between 75 and 100 men employed for about nine months.

The United States coast guard last year saved 1,507 lives.

Delaware Grange, of Newport, cleared $60 from an oyster supper given recently.

The New Castle post office is to be changed from the third class to the second.

More than ten million are recorded as killed, wounded, captured or missing in the European war to date.

The body of the negro found in a sluice in Wilmington, was identified as that of John Black, of Townsend.

Stockholders of the Atlas Powder Company, meeting at Wilmington, re-elected their directors and officers.

Rev. E. L. Hoffecker, of Wilmington, will retire from the active ministry at the close of the present conference year.

The annual educational conference of Cecil county teachers will be held at Tome Institute, Port Deposit, April 20.

Because of the high cost of fertilizer, Georgetown farmers are resorting to the use of lime, wood ashes and stable manure on their land.

The Red Cross Society, of Delaware, has obtained the old city hall, in Wilmington, as headquarters from which to conduct its relief work.

After 37 years' service, Rev. William Schouler, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Elkton, has tendered his resignation, to take effect May 1.

Because of recent arrests he has made, Patrolman John Laskowski, of Wilmington, has received two letters containing threats against his life.

Governor Townsend has started a move for the protection of the sturgeon industry in the Delaware River, which, once profitable is approaching extinction.

Greensbury Short, manager of a farm near Philadelphia, went to Georgetown this week, and offered $40 a month and board for farm labor, but could not get a man.

An automobile owned by Harry Pyle, of Chadds Ford, Pa., stolen from in front of the Hotel duPont, in Wilmington, was found abandoned, near Shellpot Park.

Lewis G. Turner, of Wilmington, owner of the fast launch, Jack Lewis, has offered his boat and his own services to the Government for duty as a submarine chaser.

Joseph Elliott, of Philadelphia, has [illegible] taining 1,0[illegible] [illegible]

Colonel J[illegible] veteran of the Civil and [illegible] American wars, has offered his services to Secretary of War Baker to organize a regiment of volunteers on the Eastern Shore.

Miss Mary Pickford has chosen "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm", as the material for her last picture which she has gone to Los Angeles to play, according to the New York Sun, and when this is finished will retire from the work of the theater.

Members of the Wilmington Police Department are preparing to send a big delegation to Dover to fight proposed amendments to the pension fund bill which are before the Legislature. The amendments have the approval of the members of the commission in charge of the fund, but they do not meet with favor on the part of the large majority of the policemen.

Fifty-nine forewomen and foremen of the New Castle Leather Company have signed the same pledge of loyalty that was sent to President Wilson on Monday night, following the meeting of Mayor Price's preparedness committee. The action was taken at the quarterly dinner of employees of the company at the City Club. Mayor Price received from Secretary Tumulty a card acknowledging for the President the resolution of confidence sent to him by the committee.

Falsehood.

It is more from carelessness about the truth, than from intentional lying, that there is so much falsehood in the world.—Johnson.

Uncle Eben.

"Fum what I kin hear," said Uncle Eben, "it's a wise prophet dat sticks to de weather bulletins an' lets de stock ticker alone."

Surely Can Do That.

The boy who hasn't a chance to go through college should make one at home and go through college books, at least.

Privilege of Parents.

It is our privilege as parents to talk as we please, and to teach our children to talk as we want them to talk

Many Canaries Imported.

Permits for the importation of 127,706 canaries were issued by the biological survey during the past year.

Duty That Comes to All.

Even a busy man must take a day off sooner or later for the purpose of attending his own funeral.

Optimistic Thought.

A bad custom is better broken than kept.

LARGEST OF AMERICAN CATS

Jaguar Not Only Holds Championship in Size, but He Is Also Handsomest of His Class.

The jaguar or "el tigre," as it is generally known throughout Spanish America, is the largest and handsomest of American cats. Its size and deep yellow color, profusely marked with black spots and rosettes, give it a close resemblance to the African leopard. It is, however, a heavier and more powerful animal. In parts of the dense tropical forest of South America coal-jaguars occur, and while representing merely a color phase, they are supposed to be much fiercer than the ordinary animal. Although so large and powerful, the jaguar has none of the truculent ferocity of the African leopard. During the years I spent in its country, mainly in the open, I made careful inquiry without hearing of a single case where one had attacked human beings.

In one locality on the Pacific coast of Guerrero I found that the hardier natives had an interesting method of hunting the "tigre" during the mating period. At such times the male has the habit of leaving its lair near the head of a small canyon in the foothills early in the evening and following down the canyon for some distance, at intervals uttering a subdued roar. On moonlight nights at this time the hunter places an expert native with a short wooden trumpet near the mouth of the canyon to imitate the "tigre's" call as soon as it is heard and to repeat the cry at proper intervals. After placing the caller, the hunter ascends the canyon several hundred yards, and, gun in hand, awaits the approach of the animal. The natives have many amusing tales of the sudden exit of untried hunters when the approaching animal unexpectedly uttered its roar at close quarters.—E. W. Nelson, in the National Geographical Magazine.

INSURANCE AMONG THE SWISS

Thrifty Person May Guard Himself Against Almost Any Form of Disaster to Be Dreaded.

A system of insurance against unemployment prevails in some of the Swiss cantons, whereby persons contributing a certain sum per month are guaranteed employment or paid a weekly indemnity for the period during which they are out of work. Such persons must, however, be able to show that their unemployment is not their own fault. This plan of insurance is, however, not general, nor is it very popular, as it involves many details which make it difficult for the beneficiaries to secure the payment of the benefits.

Employees of Swiss industrial institutions are required to insure themselves against sickness or accident, and this measure also obviates to a great extent the necessity for public charity when wage-earners are deprived of their income on account of illness or accident. Under the compulsory insurance act the expense is divided between the employer and the insured. This plan works most satisfactorily, as the workers feel more secure in their employment.

There are also other systems by which employers and employees can protect themselves against the expense of medical treatment and supplies in case of illness or accident. The society for the protection of domestic servants assumes, for instance, the responsibility for the care and treatment of those enrolled upon its records.

Consecrated Bells.

Bells were anciently consecrated before they were raised to their places. This applied not only to church bells, but to others. Each was dedicated to some divine personage, saint or martyr. One of the finest bits of word painting in Shakespeare occurs in the mention of a bell when King John addressing Hubert says:

"If the midnight bell
Did with his iron tongue and dragon mouth,
Sound one unto the drowsy race of night.

One of the strongest pictures painted by Charles Dickens is that of the miser and usurer, Ralph Nickleby, cursing the iron-tongued midnight bell, after which, in a fit of mingled frenzy, hatred and despair he hangs himself.

Commenting on Shakespeare's lines, the Book of Days says: "Here, 'brazen' implies not merely that particular mixture of copper and calamine, called brass, but in a broader sense any metal which is compound with copper."

Most Used Library.

Close after the discovery that New York is the greatest city in the world comes the report that its public library is the most used library on earth. Its daily average number of readers is double that of the British museum of London or the Bibliotheque Nationale of Paris, according to the report for 1915, just published, which says that 10,384,579 books were borrowed in the year and that 2,558,717 persons entered the central building at Fifth avenue and Forty-second street. The war has brought a great increase in the number of people who use the library for research. It has become, the director says, an immense laboratory for scientific investigation, particularly those seeking information regarding new industries.—Indianapolis News.

Suspicious Uttering.

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110	9,500
100	5,700
138	6,500
202	7,000
75	3,100
349	16,000
18	1,000
200	10,000
120	12,000
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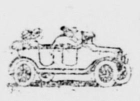

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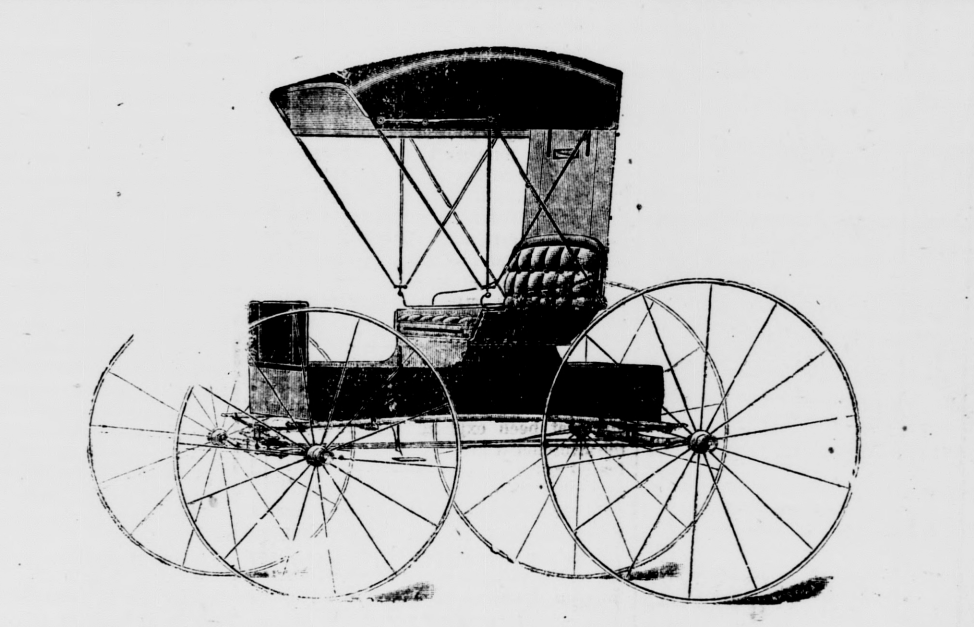

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In peace days a Russian ruble is worth a trifle more than 51 cents of American money. Now it is worth less than 28 cents.

Before the war an Italian lira was worth a shade under 20 cents of American money, and now it is worth less than 14 cents.

If you owe a debt in Russia or Italy, now is the time to pay it. Three years ago a thousand dollars would only pay off a debt of 1,945 rubles in Petrograd, but today it will wipe off a debt of 3,542 rubles.

At the same time a thousand dollars in 1912 would cancel a debt of only 5,254 lire in Rome, whereas today it will liquidate 7,255 lire.

Our daddies suffered a similar penalty for indulging in war some fifty years ago, when our American dollar was worth only 50 cents in Europe—Girard, in Philadelphia Ledger.

Strong Proof.

She—They must be engaged. That's her fourth dance with him this evening.

He—That's no sign.

She—Isn't it? You don't know how she dances.

In Cuba tobacco is planted, grown and gathered in 90 days.

The United States in 1915 produced 550,055 tons of lead.

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FOR BETTER ROADS

MOTORTRUCK ROAD ARRIVED

First One on Record Being Constructed Between Los Angeles and Harbor of San Pedro.

The motortruck road has arrived. The first one on record is being constructed by Los Angeles, Cal. It is 13 miles long, and runs from Los Angeles to the harbor of San Pedro. It is a 40-foot width of waterproof macadam, covered with eight inches of solid concrete, and with an elastic bituminous "carpet" over the whole.

This roadbed is more durable than those built merely for pleasure vehicles or light motortrucks. In construction and purpose it is a sort of compromise between the ordinary highway and the railroad. It provides the kind of road needed for the heaviest sort of hauling, and by segregating the slow, ponderous truck traffic it benefits the lighter traffic on other roads.

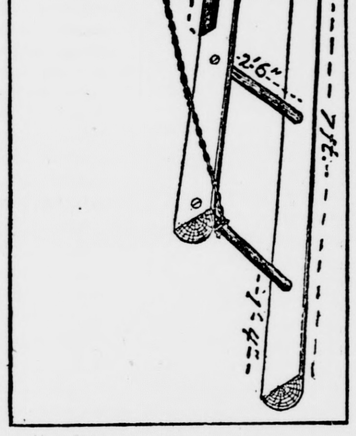
The innovation is sure to be widely followed in time, where conditions are similar. There may be truck roads established in all populous communities. Then we may see steady streams of great gas-driven trucks hauling freight along the established routes, relieving the pressure of traffic on common highways and supplementing the work of the railroads. It will be a valuable addition to our transportation systems.—New Bedford (Mass.) Times.

NEED OF HIGHWAYS SYSTEM

Concrete or Brick Surfaces for Heavy Traffic, With Macadam or Gravel on Other Roads.

(By D. WARD KING.)

What we need, and in time will have, is a system of highways which will ramify from the largest cities to the doorway of the humblest citizen—villager or farmer. Such a system of highways will include trunk lines with expensive concrete or brick surfaces for the very heavy traffic, including trucks and automobiles. Less used but important roads may be of water-



King Split-Log Drag.

bound macadam or gravel. Perhaps in certain regions where stone and gravel are not at hand oiled roads may prove most economical and practical. Minor wagon ways must remain of native soil, built and maintained with the road drag. Meanwhile antagonism to road dragging breeds in a lack of information or a narrowness which fails to comprehend the facts.

IMPROVE ROAD BY DRAGGING

Every Farmer Drags His Front Gate to His Neighbor's Front Gate Towards Town.

Out from all the stormy talk about good roads and taxation there looms one significant fact: Good roads can be made in normal soils by dragging. The factor in making dirt roads is water. Drag your road so as to make it shed water and you will have the best all-round highway on earth.

It can be kept in repair with small cost if "every farmer drags from his front gate to his neighbor's front gate towards town."

Roads Attract City People.

Better roads bringing city families out to the country frequently in their automobiles to visit farm families and to purchase supplies of them will act as an incentive for better general and special methods of farm-food production.

The "Invisible" Road Tax.

Broken harness, wagons, buggies, automobiles, are part of the invisible tax the owners pay annually to poor roads. This tax is said to be greater than the cost of the road maintenance.

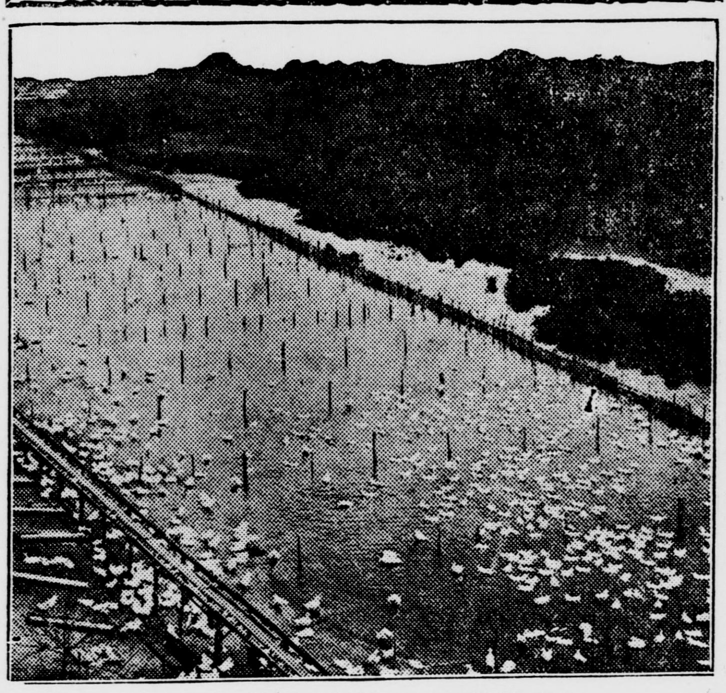
Stupendous Road Job.

The United States is a big country, and the improvement of its roads will be a stupendous job, but if it is to be a money-making venture there seems to be no reason why the good roads movement should not go forward unchecked.

Best Pork for Market.

A streak of lean and a streak of fat is the kind of pork wanted in the markets now. To produce this kind of pork give a variety of feeds and not all corn.

RUNNER IS MOST PROFITABLE OF DUCKS



IMMENSE DUCK FARM ON LONG ISLAND.

(By ANNA GALIGHER.)

It is only a few years since the Runner duck first made its appearance in America. They came originally from the West Indies, where they have been raised for years, chiefly as egg producers. They derive their name from their racy, upright carriage.

In color they are fawn and white, with yellow shanks and light green bill; the latter being sometimes splashed with black.

The body is long and narrow and is carried in an almost upright position. Neck is long and thin, with finely formed head.

The Runner is, we think, not only the most beautiful but also the most profitable of all the duck family. They have the Pekin beaten a mile, and are steadily gaining in favor.

The Runner is rather small, fully matured ducks weighing from four to five pounds; drakes from five to six pounds, live weight. But they grow very rapidly while young and are easy to raise. What they lack in weight is more than made up for in their other good qualities.

To begin with, they are very prolific layers, beginning when they are about six months old. Their eggs are pure white and a little larger than a Plymouth Rock hen's.

Eggs Are Superior.

They are superior in quality to any duck's eggs that we have ever eaten, and as a rule they bring a better price in the markets.

The ducklings reach a marketable size about twelve weeks old. When forced they will weigh four to five pounds at two months.

The meat of a Runner is of superior quality, fine in grain, juicy and excellent in flavor.

The eggs are in good demand also. In winter when eggs are high, the Runner is "on the job." Any enterprising person can work up a trade among hotels and restaurants that should prove highly profitable.

There is no danger of strong competition, as comparatively few poultry raisers have taken up this branch of the industry, notwithstanding the fact that nearly all kinds of poultry products are bringing unheard-of prices in the open market.

Duck culture in the past has been more or less neglected, owing to the general belief that ducks cannot be successfully raised without a stream or pond of water. The fact is, however, that the Runner requires only sufficient water to drink.

They are small feeders as compared with other ducks. One Pekin will consume as much feed as two Runners, and then not be satisfied. Unlike the former, they are great foragers.

In summer the Runner, when given free range, will find the greater part of his living in the fields. But of course, when being fattened for market, they need some grain. It would be well to say right here that for best results the grain should be either ground or cooked.

Duck Raisers Fail.

A great many would-be duck raisers fail because they insist upon feeding the ducks, both old and young, whole grain.

The matured birds can get along, but the young ones most certainly cannot. Don't try to raise ducklings on whole wheat, cracked corn and "chick feed." They simply cannot digest it. About the only kind of grit that a young duck will eat is sand, and whole or cracked grain requires something sharper than sand to grind it.

Those who have Runner ducks would do well to keep them over winter and see what they will do toward keeping the egg basket filled when biddy is on a strike.

Begin by culling out all surplus drakes and undersized specimens. If the ducks are expected to furnish eggs next spring for hatching purposes, now is the time to procure drakes from some other flock.

It is not a good plan to keep closely related birds. One drake for every seven or eight ducks is about right.

Drakes may be kept for seven years, but ducks will not lay so well when of that age. Few duck raisers care to keep old drakes unless they happen to be high-priced birds.

In many sections Runner ducks are so scarce that good specimens bring almost any price asked.

A house 15 by 20 feet, with a yard attached, will be large enough for thirty-five or forty ducks to stay in at night, and during the cold days in winter.

Inexpensive House.

If there is no suitable house on the place, a duckhouse can be built at small cost. Rough lumber may be used for the floor and siding. The rafters, plates and posts may be made of poles cut in the woods. Any kind of roof that will turn water will answer.

If the house is to be used for young ducks during the spring and summer months, there should be two large doors, one at each end of the house, or a door at one end and a window at the other. Some duck houses are built with the entire south side open.

Small-mesh poultry netting is nailed to the posts, and a heavy curtain is attached inside. The curtain is to be used in cold weather. As the snow is liable to drift in, it will sometimes be necessary to nail or tack the curtain to the floor and also to the sides.

Keep plenty of straw on the floor. If it is several inches deep, it need not be renewed every day. We take a pitchfork and turn it, or remove that which is badly soiled. It is best to keep everything as clean as possible, then there is less danger of disease. Ducks are not troubled with lice, and as a rule they are very healthy.

A flock of laying ducks should be fed four times a day when they have to be kept housed.

Their food should consist of both raw and cooked vegetables, cornmeal, bran, beef scraps, stem-cut clover, etc. The ground grain should be moistened with milk or water.

FEEDING THE CHICKEN FLOCK

Do Not Try to Economize on Quality of Feed—Musty Grain Produces Diseases Among Fowls.

There should be no sudden changes in the food of a flock of chickens. If a change must be made, make it gradually, even though the change is for the better. If there is any question as to the quality of the grain fed, better sell enough chickens to pay for sound grain and do not try to economize on feed. Musty grain produces disease of the respiratory organs and even a form of poisoning. Chickens will eat almost anything if hungry, but this is not a profitable way of keeping them. Count sound chicken feed as one of the essentials in making the stock budget, and then feed as carefully as possible, that there may be no wasting of grain. Grain is wasted when it is fed in unprofitable quantities; chickens will not eat freely of a new ration as of an old stand-by; get them accustomed to it by increasing the quantity given until the limit is reached, and there will be no diminution in the egg yield and no mysterious attacks of diarrhea.

SET INCUBATOR IN BASEMENT

Several Principles Must Be Adhered to If Success Is to Be Attained—Avoid Cold Drafts.

If artificial incubation is used in hatching eggs several principles must be adhered to if success is to be attained. The incubator room and incubator must be well ventilated. The atmosphere in both the incubator room and incubator must be kept moist. It is, of course, possible to go to extremes with each of these requirements.

A room in which strong drafts prevail is not a good incubator room because of the difficulty thus encountered in maintaining an even temperature. A room too moist will cause molding of the eggs and one too dry will cause excessive evaporation, either of which will kill many chicks in the shell and cause the hatching of many weak chicks which will die at an early age.

TWO FEEDS DAILY NECESSARY

Mangels, Carrots and Cabbage Make Excellent Green Food—Cut Fresh Bone Is Very Good.

Hens need some green food in winter if they are to lay well. Mangels, carrots and cabbage are good. Hang them up so that the hens can just reach them nicely. Sprouted oats are also good. Alfalfa and clover leaves and lawn clippings carefully dried can be soaked up and fed to good advantage.

In the summer when the hens lay well they have bugs, worms, grasshoppers and other insects. In the winter they need something to take the place of this kind of food. Cut fresh bone is very good. Half an ounce daily per hen supplies all she needs of this food. High-grade beef scrap is good and is in a very convenient form for feeding.

FRESH AIR VERY NECESSARY

Without Proper Ventilation Poultry House Is Neither Dry Nor Sanitary—Bad for Health.

Fresh air is very necessary in the poultry house. Without ventilation the poultry house is neither dry nor sanitary. Chickens in a damp house are more liable to colds and roup than in a dry house. One of the best ways to ventilate in winter is by having an opening covered with muslin. An opening on the south side, 2 by 3 feet for each 8 or 10 feet of length of house. A good way is to put the muslin on a frame which can be on hinges so that it can be raised on warm days, to allow more air to enter.—North Dakota Experiment Station.

Home Town Helps

WIDE PIAZZA ADDS TO HOME

Part That Is Roofed May Easily Be Converted Into Sun Parlor During the Winter Months.

A good wide piazza or porch adds greatly to the comfort and beauty of most any home. In order to serve the best purpose it should be wide and built around several sides of the house. This will insure a cool, shady spot to hang the hammock on a hot summer day for rest and reading. A piazza should be at least seven feet wide and may be as deep as 12 feet. It is not necessary to have all the piazza covered with a roof. It is a good idea to have the part which is to be roofed over so constructed that by the erection of glass sides a sun porch can be provided for winter use. In the winter a piazza which is entirely roofed tends to shut off light from the first floor. For this reason the piazza roof should be high, extending to the bottom of the second floor windows.

In the summer the piazza may be covered with an awning, or a vine trellis, which on nights when there is little air stirring does away with the feeling of closeness otherwise occasioned. It is a good time to be foresighted when ordering the piazza to tell the architect that it should be made so as to be screened for the warm season. A fine piazza is sometimes a discomfort from the presence of flies or a swarm of mosquitoes or moths.

For a bungalow or summer cottage near the salt water screens made of copper wire are best as they corrode less from contact with the sea breezes. Ordinary black screens should be painted two months before they are intended to be put in use so that the paint may have time to harden. When windows are put up in the winter the window sashes should be painted with black paint over the red wash which is put on in the factory and has little preservative quality in it.

TO PLACARD DIRTY PREMISES

California City Adopts Unique Plan to Raise Standard of Cleanliness in Residences and Business Houses.

The city of Alameda, Cal., has adopted a unique plan to raise the standard of cleanliness in residences and business houses. In future the sanitary condition of the various premises is to be shown by placards bearing the inscriptions "Clean," "Dirty" or "Filthy." Those places which do not satisfy the board of health will be placarded as dirty or filthy until they comply with the demands of the authorities.

This action was decided upon by the board of health, which appointed a committee to post the placards and to care for the general health of the city. The board of health intends to inspect not only the business houses but also the private residences of the city and to affix the placards to every house in the city. Those residences which can be designated as "clean" will not be placarded, but those in which sanitary conditions are disregarded will be designated as "dirty" or "filthy" until the house owners remedy the conditions, upon which the placards will be removed.

As the board of health has arbitrary powers under the city charter, the placards must remain on the houses or places of business until the board is satisfied that the conditions therein are sanitary. If any householder tears down the placards, the extreme penalty of the law can be enforced.

Bristol Has City Manager.

The adoption of a city manager by the town of Bristol, Tenn., with a population of about 10,000, may not be of the highest importance from a political viewpoint except for one reason—it adds to the evidence that the city manager idea is spreading, leaving the inference almost a certainty that it is a question of time only until administration by city manager is taken up by the biggest cities as well as the smaller towns. The choosing of a manager for Bristol for a term of three years promises that the plan is to be given a fair test which it should have if any comparison that will be satisfying is to be made between the town's old political system and the new. Unless a manager is allowed the necessary time to work reforms and present results, the handicap would probably be too heavy and in case of failure would register a mark against the city manager unjustly.

Shade for Pennsylvania Highways.

The Pennsylvania state department of forestry and the state highway department have completed arrangements for co-operation in planting shade trees and fruit trees along the state highways. The trees will be grown from seed by the forestry department in its nurseries, transplanted in areas set aside for the purpose, then turned over to the highway department when they have attained suitable size. Good roads organizations will also assist in the planting at that time. The species already transplanted are Scotch, white and pitch pines, Norway spruce, Douglas fir, sugar maple, white ash, white elm, black cherry, honey locust and European larch.

"Clean-Up Boosters" Organize.

A "Society of Clean-up Boosters" has been formed in Philadelphia. There are no dues, no fees, no fines, no expense of any kind for members. They sign a pledge: "I will be a Clean-up Booster and help keep my city clean." In return they receive a tag to hang on the front porch, reading: "I Help Keep My City Clean." This is sent free by the city highway bureau.

An electric heating pad has been invented that can be fastened under the carpet in a room.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of Sunday School Course of Moody Bible Institute.)

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LESSON FOR MARCH 25

JESUS THE WAY, TRUTH AND LIFE.

(Review.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON—Read John 14:1-14.

GOLDEN TEXT—Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the father, but by me.—John 14:6.

The purpose of John's gospel is revealed in John 20:31. It was to prove that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and to prove it in such a way that men might believe it in their hearts, and thus obtain, through that belief, eternal life in his name. Therefore the best method of review for the lessons of the past quarter would be to go over the lessons one by one, and find out how it is that this great truth, which brings life to men, is illustrated in each of the several lessons. The object of such a review should be to make Jesus as real to us as if we were with him and his disciples, and could realize that the Word is now dwelling among us, full of grace and truth, giving daily of his fulness and "grace for grace." (Ch. 1:14-16). Jesus is "the way," the way to heaven, the way to all that is highest and best on earth, the way of life, the way to the Father, the goal of all human aspirations, the way out of all human darkness and sin, the way to holiness and to God. Jesus is also the truth, the revealed truth about God. He revealed the forgiveness of God for the sins of men, the right way of living. Jesus is the life, the source of life, the life itself, the true life here on earth, and the eternal life which is to abide forever. Thus our entire review centers about Jesus Christ. It would be good to have a map chiefly of the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee to use in this review.

Lesson I. Jesus, the Life and Light of Men. This is the central truth of the gospel. Note the pre-existence of Jesus Christ as the eternal Word, "In the beginning with God." Then again we see it as plainly showing forth or declaring him to be God. We see him also as the Creator of all things, the One in who was life, and he is, was and ever is and ever shall be the Light of men. Jesus of Nazareth was the eternal Word who became flesh, and the apostles beheld his glory. Point out on the map the places in Palestine made most precious by what Jesus did in them.

Lesson II. John the Baptist. This is a lesson of John's testimony to Jesus as the Son of God; also that Jesus was the Lamb of God, eternal, pre-existent, the One who was baptized by the Holy Ghost, showing us the real nature of Jesus as the Word of God. Describe who and what he was and did that made him the perfect Savior. John was the forerunner; show in what way he made known Christ as the Messiah; also refer to why Jesus was baptized, and emphasized the value of God's approval, and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon him.

Lesson III. The First Disciples of Jesus. Andrew and Philip discovered the Messiah of whom Moses and the prophets did write, and revealed him unto Nathaniel, who discovered in Jesus the Son of God and the King of Israel. Relate how Jesus found these disciples, their names and their characteristics, and why each one was especially fitted for his particular work.

Lesson IV. His Father's House. Jesus, manifesting himself as the Son of God, the Father, was the Ruler of God's house, and drove from it those who defiled it by making that house a house of merchandise.

Lesson V. The Savior of the World. Jesus, as the only begotten Son of God, can give eternal life to those who believe on him. Describe the character of Nicodemus, what it means to be born again, and what is meant by being born of water and of the spirit.

Lesson VI. The Woman of Samaria. Jesus declared himself to this woman as the Christ, and also as the giver of eternal life; therefore he was God. Referring to the last lesson, emphasize what Jesus meant by his reference to Moses and the brazen serpent, and bring out the fact that the water of which he speaks is the gift of everlasting life.

Lesson VII. The Nobleman's Son. Jesus made his glory to be seen a second time in Cana of Galilee by healing sickness although not present at the bedside of the sick one. Healing and faith are co-partners. John usually calls Jesus' miracles signs. Signs of what? Signs that are to prove that Jesus is divine, to prove that was more than a man, and that he could do things that men cannot do. Bring out the fact that Jesus appeals to his miracles as proof that he is the Son of God, but that miracles are not the breaking of the laws of nature necessarily. When a man changes a few trees into a house, he does not break the laws of nature, but, by the creative force of his will, accomplishes his purpose. Animals cannot do this, because an animal has not creative power. God certainly can do what man can do, and as much beyond as God is greater than man.

Lesson VIII. The Pool of Bethesda. Again Jesus manifests his power by healing by his bare word the man who had been infirm thirty and eight years, and who was utterly helpless and hopeless. Bring out how the man showed his faith. Explain why Jesus should say to him: "Sin no more lest a worse thing befall thee."

Lesson IX. Five Thousand Fed. Divine power multiplying the loaves and fishes, and divine prudence in assembling the fragments reveals the unquestionable, creative act of the power of Jesus Christ as perhaps none other of his miracles. Emphasize the part which the boy played in co-operating with Christ.

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"Yes, and lots of men are trying to get the chance to ring her."

GIRLS! GIRLS! TRY IT, BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR

Make It Thick, Glossy, Wavy, Luxuriant and Remove Dandruff—Real Surprise for You.

Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a "Danderine hair cleanse." Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt and excessive oil and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair.

Besides beautifying the hair at once, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair.

But what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use when you will actually see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair and lots of it, surely get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any store and just try it. Adv.

Both salt and fresh water fish are caught in Lake Maracaibo in Venezuela.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong, sick women well, no alcohol. Sold in tablets or liquid.—Adv.

The man who publishes the fact that he takes himself seriously is inviting the derisive ha-ha!

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, Laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

There are no professional female divers. It is impossible to talk under water.

Pure blood is essential to Good Health. Garfield Tea dispells impurities, cleanses the system and eradicates disease. Adv.

Turkey has put bakeries under government rule.

Rest Those Worn Nerves

Don't give up. When you feel all unstrung; when family cares seem too hard to bear, and backache, dizzy headaches, queer pains and irregular action of the kidneys and bladder may mystify you, remember that such troubles often come from weak kidneys and it may be that you only need Doan's Kidney Pills to make you well. When the kidneys are weak there's danger of dropsy, gravel and Bright's disease. Don't delay. Start using Doan's now.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

50¢ at all Stores

Foster-Milburn Co. Props. Buffalo, N.Y.

Died of Premature Old Age!

(BY V. M. PIERCE, M. D.)

How many times we hear of comparatively young persons passing away when they should have lived to be 70 or 80 years of age. This fatal work is usually attributed to the kidneys, as, when the kidneys degenerate, it causes auto-intoxication. The more injurious the poisons passing thru the kidneys, the quicker will those noble organs be degenerated, and the sooner they decay.

To prevent premature old age and promote long life, lighten the work of the kidneys by drinking plenty of pure water all day long, and occasionally taking Anuric (double strength) before meals. This can be obtained at drug stores. Anuric will overcome such conditions as rheumatism, dropsical swellings, cold extremities, scalding and burning urine and sleeplessness due to constant arising.

Lauds the Merits of Old-Time Herbal Remedy

Fairmont, W. Va.—"Since I can remember, when a boy at home, Dr. Pierce's remedies were used in my family at different times and they always proved to be just as advertised. I personally have taken the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and know it to be a splendid remedy for the blood, liver and stomach or deep-seated coughs and bronchial trouble. I have also taken the 'Pleasant Pellets.' They clear one's system of all impurities and in a very mild and easy manner. I know all Dr. Pierce's remedies to be good."—M. H. NEAL, 803 Virginia Ave.

All druggists.

Bread is the staff of life, but that doesn't justify a man in making his existence a continuous loaf.

"CASCARETS" ACT ON LIVER; BOWELS

No sick headache, biliousness, bad taste or constipation by morning.

Get a 10-cent box.

Are you keeping your bowels, liver, and stomach clean, pure and fresh with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passageway every few days with Salts, Cathartic Pills, Castor Oil or Purgative Waters?

Stop having a bowel wash-day. Let Cascarets thoroughly cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour and fermenting food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out of the system all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret to-night will make you feel great by morning. They work while you sleep—never gripe, sicken or cause any inconvenience, and cost only 10 cents a box from your store. Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then and never have Headache, Biliousness, Coated Tongue, Indigestion, Sour Stomach or Constipation. Adv.

Many a man has become rich the way pumpkin acquires girth—by vegetating.

Good health cannot be maintained where there is a constipated habit. Garfield Tea overcomes constipation. Adv.

Switzerland imposes a tariff on auto imports.

WHAT IS LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA

A DIGESTIVE LAXATIVE

CATHARTIC AND LIVER TONIC

Lax-Fos is not a secret or Patent Medicine but is composed of the following old-fashioned roots and herbs:

CASCARA BARK
BLUE FLAG ROOT
RHUBARB ROOT
BLACK ROOT
MAY APPLE ROOT
SENNA LEAVES
AND PEPSIN

In Lax-Fos the Cascara is improved by the addition of these digestive ingredients making it better than ordinary Cascara, and thus the combination acts not only as a stimulating laxative and cathartic but also as a digestive and liver tonic. Syrup laxatives are weak, but Lax-Fos combines strength with palatable, aromatic taste and does not gripe or disturb the stomach. One bottle will prove Lax-Fos is invaluable for Constipation, Indigestion or Torpid Liver Price 50c.

Rheumacide

GETS AT THE JOINTS FROM THE INSIDE

Have you RHEUMATISM Lumbago or Gout?

Take RHEUMACIDE to remove the cause and drive the poison from the system.

"RHEUMACIDE ON THE INSIDE PUTS RHEUMATISM ON THE OUTSIDE"

At All Druggists

Jas. Baily & Son, Wholesale Distributors

Baltimore, Md.

Cockroaches ARE FILTHY

Kill Them By Using

STEARNS' ELECTRIC PASTE

U. S. Government Buys It

SOLD EVERYWHERE—25c and $1.00

PATENTS Watson E. Coleman, Patent Lawyer, Washington, D. C. Advice and books free. Rates reasonable. Highest references Best services.

The most successful employer is the one who recognizes fidelity on the pay roll.

Garfield Tea, taken regularly, will correct both liver and kidney disorders. Adv.

Thing to Do.

"My boat was arrested by the incoming tide."

"Then I suppose you baled her out."

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher.*

In Use for Over 30 Years.

Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Truck Picks Up Load.

A new motortruck for lumber transportation literally straddles and picks up the load it carries.

Obstinate attacks of Piles are relieved and the difficult stools which accompany them are softened through the use of Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills. Send for trial box to 372 Pearl St., New York. Adv.

The Difference.

Mrs. Gay—I have a knocker on the outside of my door.

Mrs. Grouch—I'll bet it's nothing to compare with the knocker I've got on the inside of mine.

What Dr. R. D. Patterson, of Liberty, N. C., says:

ABOUT MOTHER'S JOY SALVE.

My boy had pneumonia, his temperature was 104. Had tried other salves, didn't have any effect. Used jar of Mother's Joy Salve on throat and chest, in one hour's time his temperature was normal.—Adv.

With Her Eyes.

They stood by the old well together. "How shall we drink?" he said; "there is no bucket here." She lowered her eyes, when she raised them again they were full of water.—Princeton Tiger.

FRECKLES

Now Is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots.

There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as the prescription othine — double strength — is guaranteed to remove these homely spots.

Simply get an ounce of othine—double strength—from your druggist, and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than one ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion.

Be sure to ask for the double strength othine, as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.—Adv.

Kept Her Word.

"So Edith married a farmer. And she always said she would only marry a man of culture."

"Well, she did—a man of agriculture."

Virginia Druggists Stand Back of Reliable Kidney Medicine

We are so well pleased with the reports on Swamp-Root that we are assured that it is well worth recommending for the ailments for which it is advertised. It has proved very valuable in many instances and during the past twenty years not a single complaint has been received. It is not necessary for us to say anything more about Swamp-Root for its success is well-known and its reputation is excellent. Very truly yours,

POWELL VALLEY DRUG CO.,
By L. H. Clapp, Prop.
Nov. 4, 1916. Pennington Gap, Va.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

And She Fell for It.

"I am not easily flattered," she said.

"Indeed not," he replied. "It would be difficult to make you out to be more beautiful than you really are."

Dr. Peery's "Dead Shot" not only expels Worms or Tapeworm but cleans out the mucus in which they breed and tones up the digestion. One dose sufficient. Adv.

There are many ways of getting a living. People even have been known to work.

Farm Hands Wanted

Western Canada Farmers require 50,000 American farm labourers at once. Urgent demand sent out for farm help by the Government of Canada.

Good Wages — Steady Employment
Low Railway Fares
Pleasant Surroundings — Comfortable Homes
No Compulsory Military Service

Farm hands from the United States are absolutely guaranteed against conscription. This advertisement is to secure farm help to replace Canadian farmers who have enlisted for the war.

A splendid opportunity for the young man to investigate Western Canada's agricultural offerings, and to do so at but little expense.

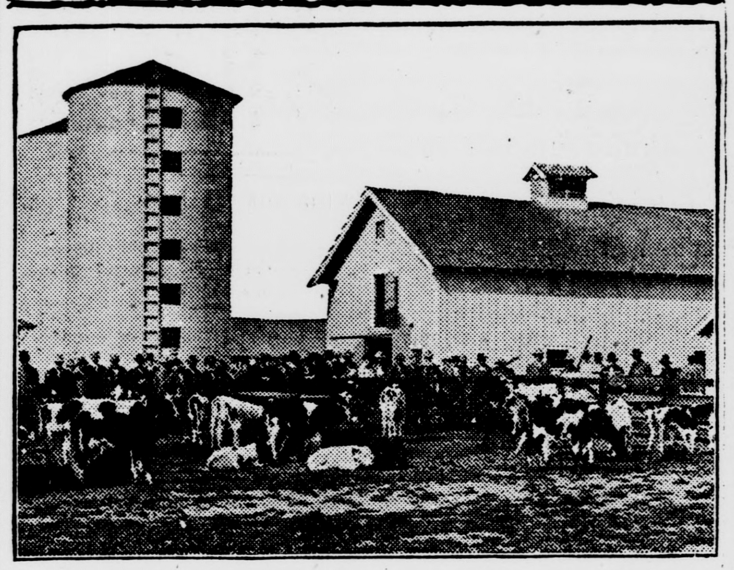
Only Those Accustomed to Farming Need Apply

For particulars as to railway rates and districts requiring labour, or any other information regarding Western Canada apply to

J. P. JAFFRAY, Cor. Walnut and Broad Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

Canadian Government Agent

IMPORTANCE OF FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT



IDEAL ARRANGEMENT OF COW BARNS, SILOS, ETC.

The size of a farm business is not necessarily measured or limited by the number of acres in a farm. One of the field men of the department of agriculture engaged in farm survey work, reports the case of a Wisconsin farmer, so situated as to make it impossible for him to buy or rent more land, who solved the problem of small acreage by "speeding up" the 80 acres that he had.

This farmer's first move was to dispose of his scrub cows and to replace them with grades and purebreds; next, without great expense, he improved the sanitary condition of his barns. He established a cropping system based on corn and alfalfa, choosing the latter rather than clover because on his farm it produces at least 50 per cent more feed per acre than does clover, and is much more dependable.

Pastures Disappear.

Pastures have now entirely disappeared from this farm, because its owner has demonstrated that one acre of corn and one of alfalfa together furnish him with more feed than do five acres of pasture. His improved, well-fed herd, housed in a clean, well-lighted, and thoroughly ventilated barn, is yielding him more than double the milk he formerly got from his scrub herd. Furthermore, the quality of milk has improved, and he demands and gets the price of a first-class article.

The largely increased net income which this farmer now receives from the sale of milk and of purebred cattle is based on the comparatively small changes in his type of farming, which have augmented his business without entailing any increase in the size of his farm.

Sets Good Example.

A comparison of this farm with other dairy farms recently studied by the department indicates that the example of this Wisconsin man might well be followed, in general, by any dairy farmer who lives where dairy products are high priced and who has a low-grade herd, provided he has sufficient knowledge of cattle to give high-class dairy cows the care that they demand.

FEEDING DAIRY COWS FOR BIG PRODUCTION

Successful Dairyman Must Study Each Individual Animal—Water Is Important.

Different cows have different capacities for converting feed into milk. No man who has not a full appreciation of the wide variation in individual cows will be fully successful as a feeder. Some cows may have natural capacity for producing large quantities of milk, and may not receive feed enough for maximum production. By increasing the feed of the highest producing cows and carefully consulting the milk sheets on which each cow's daily production is recorded, the skillful feeder will soon find that some cows in the herd will respond to the increased allowance and return a good profit on the additional feed given. On the other hand, there are cows that have a limited capacity for milk production and are very liable to be overfed. By carefully studying each individual cow the feeder will soon ascertain the point beyond which any addition to the grain ration becomes unprofitable.

All animals require plenty of good, pure water. This is especially true of the milking cow, as water constitutes more than three-fourths of the total volume of milk. The water supply, therefore, demands the dairyman's most careful attention. Stale or impure water is distasteful to the cow and she will not drink enough for maximum milk production. Such water may also carry disease germs which might make the milk unsafe for human consumption or be dangerous to the cow herself.

ASPARAGUS IS EASY VEGETABLE TO GROW

Necessary to Exercise Greatest Care in Preparation of Seed-bed at Beginning.

(By L. M. BENNINGTON.)

Asparagus is not hard to grow, and I know of no other vegetable that will give more satisfactory results if well cared for.

As an asparagus bed has to be set out only once, it is therefore very necessary to use the greatest care in giving the plants a start.

Plow the ground deeply as early as possible in the spring and mix with it an abundance of well-rotted manure.

This should be done three or four days before planting, and a strong fertilizer should never be put next the plants because it often destroys them.

The rows should be about six feet apart and the plants should be set ten inches deep. Set out only strong, one-year-old roots.

Press the soil about them and as the plants begin to come up throw a little dirt into the furrows to smother the weeds and keep the soil loose around the plants. Gradually fill the rows until the ground is level.

The weeds must be kept from the plants for two years; then not much further care is necessary, but the bed should be kept clear.

Cutting may begin the third year, for perhaps thirty days, but not longer. After the third year asparagus may be cut up to the middle of June or perhaps a little later.

If your bed shows a large growth of tops in the fall you may be sure of a good crop the next spring.

When plants are old enough to cut the tops should be cut off very early in the spring almost down to the crowns of the roots and then as they start to grow again the roots should be plowed under or ridged about eight or ten inches above the level of the ground.

The plants will push their way through this ridge in a very few days and will continue to grow vigorously.

A wet, heavy black soil is not good for asparagus as it does better on sandy loam.

Asparagus requires a great deal of fertilizer, and this should be put on very early in the spring or any time during the season.

Asparagus will stand a great deal of salt without injury, but it is a mistaken idea that salt is of any particular benefit to it.

SUFFICIENT REASON FOR TESTING SEEDS

There Are Times When Farmer Gets Seeds of Poor Germination Without Knowing It.

(By W. R. GILBERT.)

This is a subject which has received a great deal of attention from thoughtful persons, but is still very little considered by the majority. Its importance cannot be overestimated for the quality of the seed has a great influence on the yield of the crop.

Everyone likes to get bargains; and many think that bargains and low-priced articles are one and the same thing, while in the matter of seed low prices and bargains cannot go together.

Take for instance turnips. When we see one man charging twice the price quoted by another of course the higher priced is usually for new and improved varieties, but we often find difference of price for one variety. One man may charge for a seed which germinates only 30 per cent while another charges half as much again for a seed germinating 60 per cent, while another charges half as much again for a seed germinating 95 per cent.

From this a calculation can easily be made as to the amount of seed required, for it is the low germination that makes thick sowing a necessity.

The high-priced seed is economical, inasmuch as so many more seed germinate. When the farmer knows that germination is poor, he tries to insure a crop by thick sowing, but there are times when he gets seeds of poor germination without knowing it, probably paying the full price for good seed.

This should be sufficient reason for testing seed. Considering the number of purchases of seeds each year, there are a ridiculously small number of tests made. I know of one instance where samples tested comprised all the various crops grown on the farm. In some crops the average of samples was reasonably good, but there were miserably poor samples in practically every crop.

This is a matter well worth the attention of the tillage farmer.

Soy Bean Soil.

A ton of soy beans will yield about forty gallons of oil useful in various ways.

Help the Windbreaks.

Butternut and walnut trees will grow to advantage in most windbreak thickets.

Collecting Grasshoppers.

By the use of hopperdozers as many as 300 bushels of grasshoppers have been collected on 100 acres of alfalfa.

Doubting Poultrymen.

There is much truth in the statement: Don't try to tell the other fellow something about poultry that he doesn't want to know. He will not believe it if you do; no matter what proofs you may have.

Different Feed for Sows.

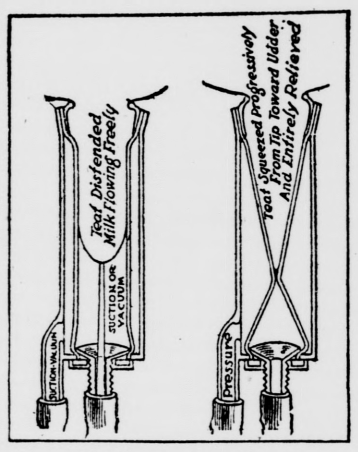
The same amount of food will not always do for different sows; some give richer milk than others, and if the food is not cut down, the thumps or the scours is the result.

The DAIRY

GIVING AN UPWARD SQUEEZE

Illustration Given Herewith Shows How One of Standard Milk Machines Is Operated.

The drawing shown here illustrates how one of the standard milking machines draws the milk from the cow's teat. Any method of drawing the milk from the udder down through the teat also tends to draw blood from the veins of the udder down into the smaller veins of the teat. It is necessary that something shall keep massaging this blood back from the teat, so that it will continue in circulation. The comfortable upward squeeze does exactly this This squeeze is adjustable, so that the



Machine in Operation.

operator, by turning a little lever, can give a heavier squeeze to a big-teated cow and a lighter squeeze to a small-teated cow. Thus each cow gets just the squeeze needed in her individual case—a feature that makes each cow give her maximum.

When the calf milks, its tongue has a squeezing action on the teat, the same as your tongue does if you place your finger in your mouth and suck it. This squeezing action of the calf's tongue keeps the blood in the teat in circulation. If the calf stopped squeezing, just sucked each swallow, it would slowly suck so much blood down into the veins of the teat that the teat would appear red and swollen.—Farmers Mail and Breeze.

RECORD OF BIG IMPORTANCE

Small Amount of Work Required to Keep Books if Done Regularly—Profit or Loss Shown.

It is a good thing to keep records of all the farm operations. They may seem trivial at the time, yet some day are sure to be of great value and are a great help and satisfaction in clearing up difficulties that frequently arise. It requires only a small amount of work to keep them if the work is done regularly and systematically. The very fact that records are kept makes one careful of details and interested in making the things of which the records are kept turn out the best. It helps one to have a firm grasp on his affairs and to know just where he stands in all his work. He knows whether he is running his farm or any branch of his farming at a profit or at a loss.

In no branch of farming are records of more importance than in dairying. It is of actual money importance to know whether a cow is making a profit on the feed she consumes or is eating more than she is worth.

VENTILATION OF DAIRY BARN

Where Air Is Good, Cows Should Remain in Stalls at Night Both in Summer and Winter.

If ventilation of the barn is good, cows should remain in the stall all night, both in summer and in winter. If ventilation is imperfect in very hot weather it would be advisable to turn them out in some clean lot or pasture, but in doing this considerable manure is lost.

During some of the colder days of winter it would be advisable not to turn cattle out except during short periods for watering. Chilly weather has considerable influence in reducing milk flow and a good cow should not be exposed to too severe climatic changes.

CULL OUT ALL THE LOAFERS

Big Increase in Profits Made by Farmer Who Weeded Out All Unprofitable Animals.

Merely by culling out the unprofitable cows one farmer reports that he was able to raise the milk receipts per cow from $89 one year to $180 the next, and the live-stock receipts per $100 worth of feed from $76 to $176. This made it possible for the farmer to increase the profit $1,500 on his farm in addition to what the farm contributed toward the living and after 5 per cent interest on the investment had been subtracted. The year previous the farmer had lost money.

Has His Hands Full.

The man behind the cow has his hands full—especially at milking time.

Silo Solves Problem.

The silo is the best solution of the problem of short pastures.

When the Cows Kick.

When the cows kick, count ten, and treat them tenderly.

Balanced Human Food.

Milk is the best balanced human food available.

W. L. DOUGLAS

"THE SHOE THAT HOLDS ITS SHAPE"

$3 $3.50 $4 $4.50 $5 $6 $7 & $8 FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Save Money by Wearing W. L. Douglas shoes. For sale by over 9000 shoe dealers. The Best Known Shoes in the World.

W. L. Douglas name and the retail price is stamped on the bottom of all shoes at the factory. The value is guaranteed and the wearer protected against high prices for inferior shoes. The retail prices are the same everywhere. They cost no more in San Francisco than they do in New York. They are always worth the price paid for them.

The quality of W. L. Douglas product is guaranteed by more than 40 years experience in making fine shoes. The smart styles are the leaders in the Fashion Centres of America. They are made in a well-equipped factory at Brockton, Mass., by the highest paid, skilled shoemakers, under the direction and supervision of experienced men, all working with an honest determination to make the best shoes for the price that money can buy.

Ask your shoe dealer for W. L. Douglas shoes. If he cannot supply you with the kind you want, take no other make. Write for interesting booklet explaining how to get shoes of the highest standard of quality for the price, by return mail, postage free.

BEWARE OF SUBSTITUTES

Boys' Shoes Best in the World $3.00 $2.50 & $2.00

LOOK FOR W. L. Douglas name and the retail price stamped on the bottom.

W. L. Douglas

President W. L. Douglas Shoe Co., 185 Spark St., Brockton, Mass.

Quite at Home.

"Is Mr. Jones at home?"

"Yes, sir. You'll find him at the club."—Passing Show.

PAYS FOR 160 ACRES OF LAND

From the Crop of Wheat on 53 Acres in Western Canada.

This story of paying for your land out of one year's crop is fully authenticated by a great many farmers in Western Canada.

And now, all that the farmer makes is velvet and you find him going more extensively into stock raising, for all authorities agree that in a short time there will be a demand for live stock, such as even will tax the vast resources of Western Canada. They will go into stock raising because of the adaptability of the country to provide food and fodder without feeding grain if necessary. They will go into stock and improve their places. They will install steam and heating plants—in fact, many are now doing it. They will have automobiles, in fact in many districts there is not a farmer but has one. They will beautify their homes and erect fine barns until the whole country will be as attractive as many of the counties in the best states in the Union. But we started out to tell you of the farmer who paid for 160 acres of land from the crop of wheat off of 53 acres. The Holden district on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific does not appear to the ordinary observer to be any better than many other districts along that line, and probably isn't. It was in this district that John Larcome, a settler, purchased in 1915 160 acres of raw prairie land. He broke and seeded 53 acres. His crop turned out well, and he sold the greater portion of it for $2,970. His land cost him $16.50 per acre, or $2,640. So that the crop from the 53 acres paid for the land and left a balance of over $300, which with part of the crop left over would just pay for the cost of operation. This is not really an unusual case, hundreds of other farmers in Alberta and Saskatchewan having been able to do the same.

Sales of land are being reported from many districts in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta at good prices. And values are yet low, but with the flow of any value that will take place after the war, no doubt they will be considerably increased. The homesteads in the Park sections which are to be had actually free are having the attention of a good class of settlers, who want to go into mixed farming.—Advertisement.

Utilizing Dust.

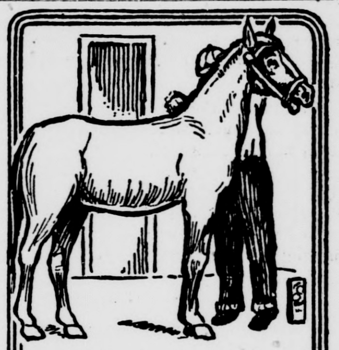
Dust that collects in glass factories is collected and cast into paving blocks by a Berlin inventor.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

Few persons can be sick who use **Green's August Flower.** It has been used for all ailments that are caused by a disordered stomach and inactive liver, such as sick headache, constipation, sour stomach, nervous indigestion, fermentation of food, palpitation of the heart from gases created in the stomach, pains in the stomach, and many other organic disturbances. **August Flower** is a gentle laxative, regulates digestion, both in the stomach and intestines, cleans and sweetens the stomach and whole alimentary canal, and stimulates the liver to secrete the bile and impurities from the blood. Try it. Two doses will relieve you. Used for fifty years in every town and hamlet in the United States and in all civilized countries.—Adv.

A woman can make a fool of almost any man if nature doesn't get the start of her.

Akron, O., is raising $400,000 to pay off debts on hospitals.



For Lameness

Keep a bottle of Yager's Liniment in your stable for spavin, curb, splint or any enlargement, for shoulder slip or sweeny, wounds, galls, scratches, collar or shoe boils, sprains and any lameness. It absorbs swellings and enlargements, and dispels pain and stiffness very quickly.

YAGER'S LINIMENT

This liniment is the most economical to use as a 25 cent bottle contains four times as much as the usual bottle of liniment sold at that price. Sold by all dealers.

GILBERT BROS. & CO.
BALTIMORE, MD.

Constipation Vanishes Forever

Prompt Relief—Permanent Cure

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS never fail. Purely vegetable — act surely but gently on the liver. Stop after dinner distress—cure indigestion, improve the complexion, brighten the eyes

SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE

Genuine must bear Signature *Brent Good*

STOCK LICK IT—STOCK LIKE IT

For Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs. Contains Copperas for Worms, Sulphur for the Blood, Saltpeter for the Kiddeys, Nux Vomica, a Tonic, and Pure Dairy Salt. Used by Veterinarians 12 years. No Dosing. Drop Brick in feed-box. Ask your dealer for Blackman's or write

BLACKMAN STOCK REMEDY COMPANY
CHATTANOOGA. TENNESSEE

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
A toilet preparation of merit. Helps to eradicate dandruff. For Restoring Color and Beauty to Gray or Faded Hair. 50c. and $1.00 at Druggists.

FROST PROOF CABBAGE PLANTS

Early Jersey and Charleston Wakefield, Succession and Flat Dutch, 500, $1.25; 1,000, $2.00; 5,000 at $1.50, F. O. B. here. Postpaid 35c per 100. Satisfaction guaranteed. TOMATO PLANTS at $1.35. Egg and Pepper plants at $1.50 per 1,000, 5,000 at $1.25, F. O. B. here. Postpaid 40c per 100.

D. F. JAMISON, SUMMERVILLE, S. C.

5000 people wanted to try a box of the **Sager's Giltedge Antiseptic Ointment** Rid yourself of catarrh, colds, pneumonia, rheumatism and heal your burns, bruises, sores, chapped hands and external and internal ailments. Great offer to agents. 25c. M. & G. Co., 40 Barry Place, Buffalo, N. Y.

OLD ESTABLISHED curb house wants representative [illegible] your locality. Liberal commission. No expense [illegible] ou. Address Room 802, 42 Broadway, N. Y. City

WE are on the eve of a big bull market, especially in Copper and Mining Stocks. Send for free letter. Woram & Co., 42 Broadway, New York City

"ROUGH on RATS" Ends Rats, Mice, Bugs Die outdoors. 15c and 25c

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Canada Offers 160 Acres Free to Farm Hands

Bonus of Western Canada Land to Men Assisting in Maintaining Needed Grain Production

The demand for farm labor in Canada is great. As an inducement to secure the necessary help at once, Canada will give

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ACRES OF LAND FREE AS A HOMESTEAD

and allow the time of the farm laborer, who has filed on the land, to apply as residence duties, the same as if he actually had lived on it Another special concession is the reduction of one year in the time to complete duties. Two years instead of three as heretofore, but only to men working on the farms for at least six months in 1917. This appeal for farm help is in no way connected with enlistment for military service but solely to increase agricultural output. A wonderful opportunity to secure a farm and draw good wages at the same time. Canadian Government will pay all fare over one cent per mile from St. Paul or Duluth to Canadian destination. Information as to low railway rates may be had on application to

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TOWNSEND

Miss Mary Staats spent the week end with Miss Madeline Miller in Wilmington.

Mrs. Hattie Downs and Mrs. Samuel Brockson visited friends in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Wriget, of Smyrna, visited her parents Walter E. Hart and family cently.

Richard Fennemore spent the week end with his brother Wilson Fennemore family.

Miss Maude Bramble is visiting her uncle Frank Lattomus and family at Montchanin.

Samuel Townsend and wife of Wilmington, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents John Townsend and family.

Sherbourne Collins and wife entertained a number of friends at a course dinner at seven o'clock at their home last Wednesday.

Many persons from town attended the sale of stock and farming utensils of Frank Lattomus on Tuesday and report good prices.

Invitations are out for reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Austin on South Street in honor of the marriage of their son Roy Austin and Miss Margaret Marvel.

Mrs. Edward Graves after undergoing a surgical operation in Philadelphia, has returned to the home of her sister Mrs. Eliason, in Middletown to remain for a few weeks. Mrs. Graves is very much improved in health.

Daniel B. Jones while on the train returning to his home here had his pocket picked last Friday afternoon, containing a handsome wallet with name engraved on it, a monthly ticket, and eighty dollars in cash. The loss was reported to the poice.

ODESSA

O. C. Stevens is visiting in Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. John Hurd, of Smyrna, visited Mrs. John Heller this week.

Miss Reba Thornton, of Wilmington, visited her parents on Sunday.

I. G. Webb and family spent Sunday last with Mr. Ginn, near St. Georges.

Mrs. Richard Harrington, of Philadelphia, visited Mrs. Ella Smith last week.

Lee Sparks and wife returned on Wednesday from a visit to Chatham, Virginia.

Mrs. Charles Bignear, of near Middletown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Marshall Thornton.

John Stewart and son and Moody Stevens, of Chester, were visitors in town Sunday last.

John Crumpton and wife, of St. Georges, were guests of Harry Lightcap and wife, on Sunday.

Edward Rhein and family, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. William B. Hall, of Middletown, were guests of William P Rhein, on Sunday.

On Thursday evening last a surprise was tendered, Rev. H. C. Shipley and family by the Epworth League of St. Paul's M. E. Church.

Epworth League on Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Topic, "Our South American Missions." Leader, Miss May Enos. Everybody welcome.

The annual Missionary Anniversary of the M. E Sunday School was held on Sunday evening last. Hon. L. Irving Handy made the address. The total collection for the year was $133.27.

WARWICK

The Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. R. B. Merritt, Jr., on Wednesday.

Preaching Sunday evening at 7.30 P. M. Christian Endeavor at 7 P. M. Every body invited.

Mrs. Charles Pyle spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Alice Hevelow, near Earleville.

Mrs. W. H. Brown and Miss Elsie Woolleyhan, of Cecilton, spent Sunday with Mrs. S. S. McCubbin.

Mrs. J. N. Link and son, Howard, returned home on Tuesday, after a lengthy stay with relatives in Baltimore.

Messrs. Timothy Devine, Maurice and Lawrence Devine and R. B. Merritt, Sr., spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

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One Thing Not Gone Up.

It was in the market place of a northern town in England. The itinerant auctioneer was turning his attention to a varied assortment of blouses which his assistant placed in front of him. "And now, ladies," he said, "we come to blouses; but before I ask you to bid for one, let me remind you that blouses have gone up. Indeed, I would ask what has not gone up? If any lady can tell me anything that has not gone up, she shall have one of these beautiful garments as a free gift." There was a moment's pause, and then came a voice from the back of the crowd. "What about divi a' th' store? It hain't gone up as far as I knows on." She received the blouse. The regrettable stagnation of the dividend at the local "co-op" was too well known to admit of question, even by an itinerant auctioneer.

Jews' Hope for Zion.

The Zionists dream of more than a material prosperity in the reestablished Zion. They hope for a spiritual commonwealth, a real, material life where their children shall learn the language of their fathers' fathers, where their religion shall be free to them, where they may return to the old Hebrew theocracy, unhampered by persecution. The Turk has not yet agreed to this, and the Turk still is lord of the land. Indeed, the Zionists have suffered severely from the present war. They are eagerly looking forward to its end and the subsequent peace settlements, hoping that in the new world order the Jew will be permitted his own small place in the sun. —World Outlook.

Therein Lay Danger.

A new arrival at a certain boarding house was a man who had taken part in a famous Arctic exploration, and at dinner time he often regaled the other boarders with stories of his adventures.

"Yes," he said, after one particularly thrilling description, "we were slowly starving to death. Just when things were at the last gasp, one fellow had an idea; he cut up our boots and made soup of them, and—"

"Hush, hush!" hissed all the other boarders, anxiously. "Don't let the landlady hear you."

Knew the Location.

Three-year-old Sydney had the measles, and was a real sick little boy. His anxious grandmother bent over him and asked sympathetically:

"Can't you tell grandmamma where you feel bad?"

Without a moment's hesitation little Sydney answered:

"Wight here in bed."

The Reason.

Pat—I saw you crying bitterly at Kelly's funeral.

Mike—Yes. Whilst I was appraising the furniture a fat woman sat on me hat.

Trivial Annoyances.

It is surprising how trivial are the annoyances which suffice to make some men miserable. A lump of soot falling on a man's linen; a beefsteak overdone; losing a railway train by forty seconds, after running himself out of breath; a visit from a bore when he is overwhelmed with cares; the rasping of his nerves by a hand organ when he is weary, inclined to headache or trying to sleep; even the want of a pin, or a shirt button flying off at an unlucky moment, as when he is dressing for a dinner party and has scant time in which to do it—all these are annoyances which sorely try a man's patience and chafe and vex many a person more than a serious misfortune.

Alexander Smith goes so far as to say that if during thirty years all the annoyances brought on with defalcating shirt buttons alone could be gathered into a mass and endured at once, it would be misery equal to a public execution.

Arizona Cacti.

Arizona has more than a hundred kinds of cacti, and Tucson is the center of the great cactus region of the Southwest. These odd plans range in size from the noble Sahuara or Giant cactus, forty or fifty feet high, to small pin-cushion cacti an inch or two in diameter. Sahuaras grow in great abundance in the foothills between Tucson and Yuma and are always objects of wonder. It is believed a large plant is at least two hundred years old. Their fruit begins to ripen in June and is gathered in great quantity by Indians, who make fine jam and also a pressed sweet bread of it.

Insects Spread Plant Disease.

The Pennsylvania department of forestry has been making exhaustive investigations with a view to finding out the means of the dissemination of spores of blight fungus which are the causes of numerous tree diseases. There is evidence that insects are principally responsible for the spread of spores, although many of them are, of course, carried by the wind. The results of these investigations suggest also that the spread of other plant diseases is directly traceable to the action of insects.

Old Use of Word.

An English officer, who has been censoring Scottish soldiers' letters, has just been explaining to me that the Scotchmen are awful liars. I confessed surprise, and he gave me this example: "One of them wrote to his wife the other day that he was absolutely starving, and the fellow was having the best rations he ever got in his life." But it was only of the cold that the Jock was complaining.

Dr. L. Randolph Outten

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
St. Georges Hundred

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1916 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

AT R. S. CARPENTER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN,
SATURDAY, MARCH 31th, 1917
From 9 to 11 A. M.

TOWN OFFICE, MIDDLETOWN
SATURDAY, MARCH 31th, 1917
From 2 to 5 o'clock P. M.

AT ASPRIL'S SHOPS IN ODESSA
EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
During MARCH 1917
From 7 to 12 A. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January there shall be added one per centum per month until the same shall be paid.

GEORGE E. RHODES,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
—OF—
APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1916 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
EVERY SATURDAY.
During MARCH 1917.
From 2 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

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W. S. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1916 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

S. A. DAVID'S RESIDENCE, FOREST, DEL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28th, 1917
From 1 to 3 P. M.

AT BLACKBIRD,
SATURDAY, MARCH 31th, 1917
From 1 to 3 P. M.

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EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

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HARRY S WOODKEEPER,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

SHERIFF'S SALES

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Lev. Fac., to me directed will be exposed to Public Sale at the County Building Southeast Corner of Eleventh and King Streets, city of Wilmington, New Castle county, Delaware,

ON THURSDAY,
THE 29TH DAY OF MARCH 1917,
At 10 O'clock A. M.,

the following described Real Estate, viz:

All that certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington and State of Delaware, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Madison street, with the northerly side of Christiana street, thence easterly by said side of Christiana street, fifteen feet and six inches, more or less, to the centre of the party wall between this and the house adjoining on the east; thence through the centre of said wall and parallel with Madison street, fifty feet to a corner; thence westerly parallel with Christiana street, fifteen feet, six inches, more or less, to the said side of Madison street, and thence thereby southerly, fifty feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

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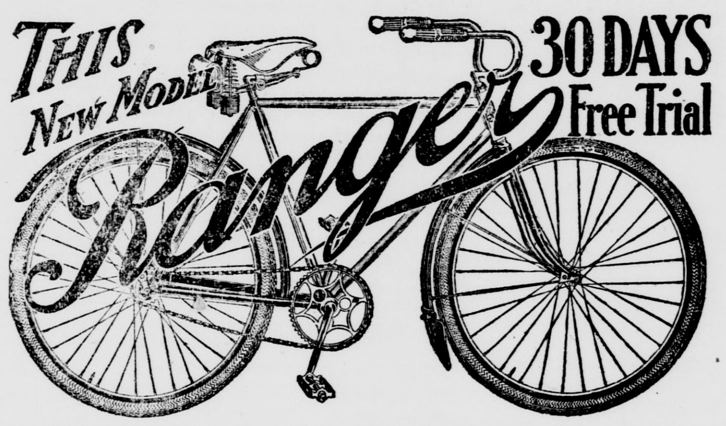

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ready for Easter shoppers. Its time to think of Easter suits and dresses, and save all fuss and flurry at the last minute; the assortments are at high tide now, and they have never been more beautiful or more varied.

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Plain and belted models of serg, wool poplin, and gabardin, beautifully trimmed in all the new spring shades.
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Coats

in many styles, every style desirable and in such good taste that no matter which one you select it can be worn with every assurance of bieng correct, in all the new and attractive materials and styles. Prices from $6.00 to $18.00.

Shoes

you will find in our new spring stock of shoes, most everything you need in foot-wear for every member in the family in high or low cut, canvas or leather, black or white and combination of colors, prices the same as usual the lowest, and quality the best your money can buy.

This store's reputation for good merchandise, good service and fair prices will be maintained in the future as usual.

Our stock of Spring and Summer knit or muslin underwear, hosiery, corsets, neckwear, patterns and toilet articles, children's coats and wash dresses, dry goods and house dresses are now complete